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GERMANY TO BUILD UP GREAT U-BOAT FLEET

BRITAIN TOLD OF DECISION TO INVOKE NAVAL RIGHTS

LONDON, Dec. 30.
IT IS LEARNED in London that Germany has notified Britain of her intention to exercise the right, under the Anglo-German naval agreement, to build a total tonnage of submarines equal to the British submarine tonnage.

Discussion regarding this is proceeding in Berlin in accordance with the terms of the agreement.

It is recalled that the Anglo-German agreement, while limiting Germany to 35 per cent. of Britain's naval tonnage, and 45 per cent. of Britain's submarine tonnage, gave Germany the right, if she considered the circumstances necessitated, to build up to the full British submarine tonnage.

It laid down, however, that such an increase could only be made after a friendly discussion between the two governments.

It is understood that part of the task of the British mission will be to seek information as to the nature of the circumstances which, in the German view, necessitates an increase in submarine tonnage.

It is hoped that as a result of the conversations, Germany will agree to meet Britain on the various points which the British delegation is putting forward.

British submarine tonnage at the present is about 70,000, whereas Germany's is believed to be about 25,000. An increase in submarine tonnage would necessitate an adjustment of the respective tonnage in other categories in order that Germany's total fleet tonnage will remain at 35 per cent. of Britain's.

It is understood that the discussions in Berlin will also deal with the armament of two new German cruisers.—Reuter.

**No Issue
On Monday**
There will be no issue of the "Hongkong Telegraph" on Monday next.
Publication will resume on Tuesday, January 3.
The "Telegraph" takes this opportunity of wishing its readers
A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

American Flour For Spaniards

Munificent Donation By United States

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.
PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT has confirmed that the Federal Commodities Corporation will donate 500,000 bushels of wheat during the next six months for impartial distribution to both sides in Spain "in order to prevent starvation."

The Committee was appointed to raise \$500,000 from private sources to pay for the cost of milling the wheat into flour which will be transported to Spain by the United States Maritime Commission as far as space is available in vessels.

The flour will be distributed by American friends of the Service Committee.—Reuter.

LEAGUE IS BANKRUPT

GENEVA, Dec. 30.
THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS is going bankrupt because of membership withdrawals, and the League must economise, says the report of the Secretariat.

The shortage of revenue will necessitate economies of nearly half a million pounds a year.—United Press.

Battles Rage In Insurgent Offensive

CERVERA, Dec. 30.
At 4 p.m. to-day heavy fighting continued along the entire front line, but positions are reported to be unchanged to any appreciable extent from those of the morning.

Activity is chiefly concentrated north of Balaguer, in the neighbourhood of Bodega, where very heavy artillery and front-line firing was reported, together with aviation activity.

A Burgos message says that in the Lower Segre sector, the insurgent advance continued east towards Granadella, the insurgents capturing the heights of Granadella and Garrigues, and the village of Bodega, crossing the river Canas, where a bridge-head was established.

It was officially reported that in the sector of the Balaguer bridge-head, the insurgents advanced five kilometres, destroying all the enemy defences and inflicting a heavy defeat on the Loyalists.—United Press.

LOYALISTS LAUNCH COUNTER OFFENSIVE

Barcelona, Dec. 30.
It is announced that the Loyalists launched a surprise counter-offensive in the Lower Segre region to-day.

Reports state that the Loyalists are attacking in the direction of the Segre River, and are making a surprise offensive towards Sarroca, pushing back the Italian divisions, and bringing the insurgent advance in the Lower Segre to a full-stop.

Fighting is continuing, with the Loyalist counter-attack commanded by General Sarrahin, General Lister, and Colonel Modesto.—United Press.

ITALO-EGYPTIAN PACT MOOTED

Cairo, Dec. 30.
It is understood that preparations are already proceeding with a view to negotiations between Egypt and Italy for the conclusion of a non-aggression pact.

The negotiations will start during January, since no reason now exists for postponing them.—Trans-Ocean.

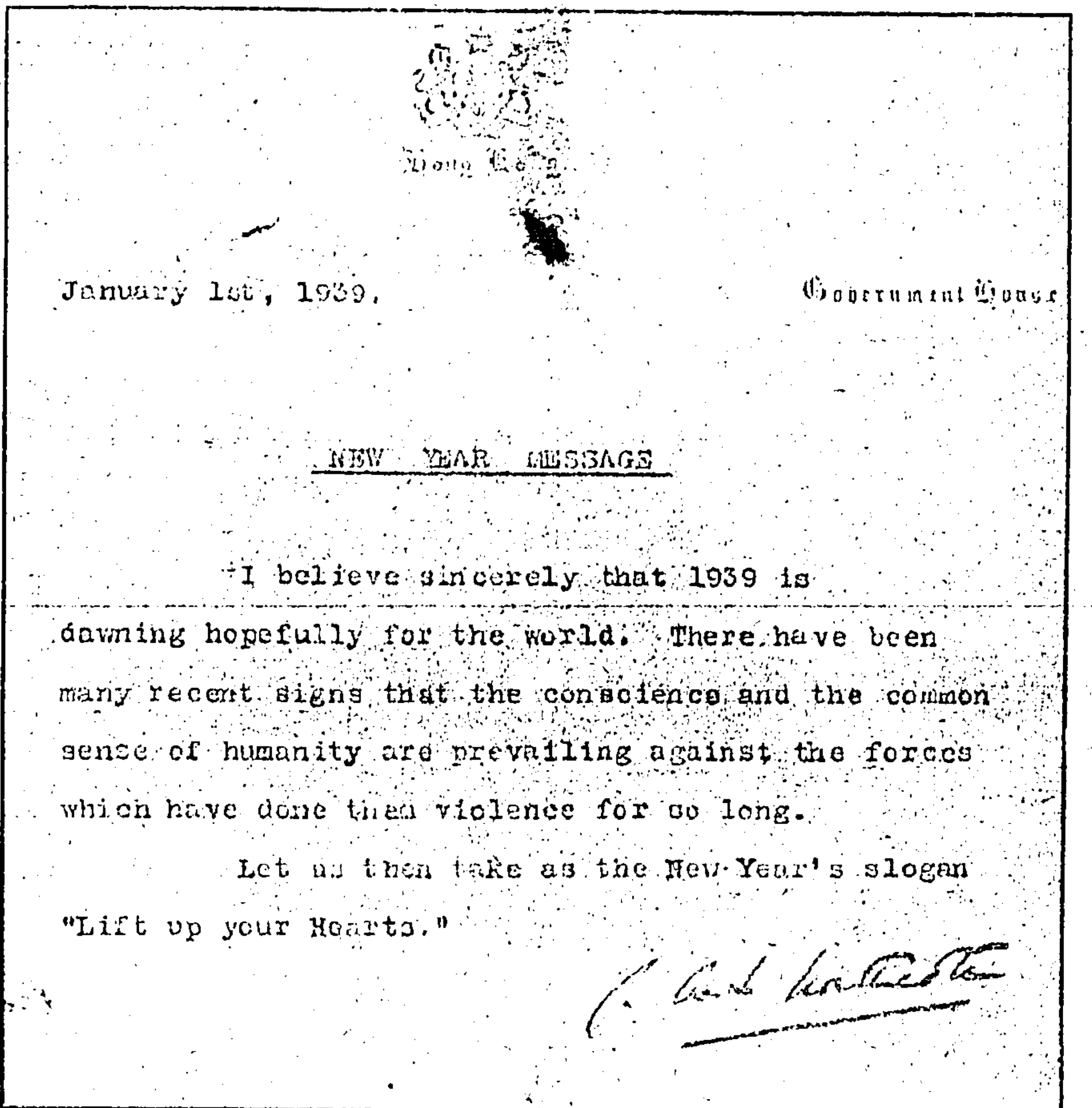
Forswear Tobacco Young Nazis Told

BERLIN, Dec. 30.
ADMONISHING GERMAN youth not to smoke, the Reich Youth Leader, Baldur von Schirach in a New Year's message to Hitler Youth, comprising boys from 14 to 18, and girls from 14 to 21 years of age, emphasises that sporting achievements and smoking are incompatible.

"No formal prohibition of alcohol and nicotine will be issued for Hitler's Youth", the message reads, "as I believe this superfluous, all the more as since you all must show to the Fuehrer in the New Year by your own decision, that you will follow the example set by the Fuehrer, and also in your private lives. The leaders of the Hitler Youth will show you the road you must follow."

"Boys and girls of Hitler Youth! It is your duty to remain healthy. Let this be your watchword for the Youth Year of 1939."—Trans-Ocean.

"Lift Up Your Hearts"—Governor's Message To "Telegraph" Readers



GERMAN PROPAGANDISTS ORDER U.S. ATTACK

THIS IS TYPICAL

Evidence of the inclusion of the United States in the scurrilous campaign of propaganda launched in Germany by Dr. Goebbels was provided by the German short-wave station at Zeelen last night.

In the news broadcast in English Roosevelt is called the Envoy of Judaism.

Commenting on President's Roosevelt's decision to donate 500,000 bushels of wheat during the next six months for impartial distribution to both sides in Spain (the offer has been rejected by the insurgents) the commentator at the Zeelen short-wave station said:

"The Bolsheviks in Madrid are starving Spanish orphans. The labour unions in Madrid have protested to the Bolshevik leaders against this starvation, and are threatening to make an uprising. President Roosevelt, the Envoy of Judaism, is donating quantities of wheat to the Bolsheviks cause, but (Continued on Page 4.)"

ITALO-FRENCH TROOPS MOVE

Contested Points On Frontier Occupied

LONDON, Dec. 30.
ACCORDING TO the "Daily Telegraph's" Djibouti correspondent, Italian and French detachments are patrolling near the undelineated frontier between Abyssinia and French Somaliland, and have occupied contested points.

So far there are no reports of friction between the forces. The correspondent states that the Italian patrols are merely investigating Ethiopian rebel activities.

Nevertheless, the French authorities have taken special precautions in the areas which, by treaties with Abyssinia, are considered to be located in French Somaliland.—United Press.

FRANCO-SYRIAN TENSION

PARIS, Dec. 30.
RUMOURS that the French Government would send an official delegation consisting of representatives of the Senate, Chamber, and Army to Syria in order to investigate on the spot the situation caused by the non-ratification of the Franco-Syrian agreement, and to prepare a new plan for regulating relations between France and Syria, were denied by the French Foreign Office to-day according to the newspaper "Liberte."

The "Liberte" says that M. Georges Bonnet had a number of conferences, obviously connected with the Syrian problem, during the last few days.

The newspaper also joins other sections of the press in a campaign against ratification of the agreement, describing it as an "unfortunate chapter of the Popular Front era."

The action of the present Foreign Minister's predecessor, declares the paper, not only complicated the situation in the mandated regions of Syria and Levant, but also brought about grave attacks from Turkey, in spite of the Sanjak settlement.

The "Petit Journal" strikes a similar note of criticism, and says that France should never give up Syria, and the Franco-Syrian treaty should therefore never be ratified. The question was one which involved the prestige of France in the entire Near East.—Trans-Ocean.

U.S. Journals Relish Scandal Allegations

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.
Early afternoon papers in New York to-day were playing up pick-ups from a "Daily News" copyright despatch from Basle, which carried with it a banner-line: "Goebbels, Love Thief, Is Beaten, Thrashed, Hitler Enraged At Nazi Scandal."

In his story, the correspondent alleges that Dr. Josef Goebbels, the Nazi Propaganda Minister, has been bedridden since December 22 in a Berlin clinic with his head cut, bruised eyes, one of which was black, and with one or two teeth missing, as a result of the "thrust of the beautiful wife" of a German film-actor, who is named in the report.

Loyal friends of the film actor surprised Goebbels in his apartment, and there sought to avenge the actor's earlier imprisonment in a concentration camp, where he was sent in order that Dr. Goebbels could make love to his wife.

The report alleges that Dr. Goebbels' chauffeur intervened in the fight and rescued him, and it is further stated that the "Nazi scandal" was considerable, "almost official confirmation."

The "Daily News" says that Herr Hitler's displeasure is evidenced by the fact that all film festivals, the actor's wife have been withdrawn from circulation throughout Germany. Additionally "this is the second time within three months that Frau Goebbels, who is undoubtedly the most influential woman in Germany, has decided to divorce Dr. Goebbels because of the affair."

The paper says that Herr Hitler personally pacified Frau Goebbels during the first breach.—United Press.

HOLLYWOOD FILM STARS VICTIMS

Two Men Arrested On Gigantic Fraud Charge

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.
WILLIAM BUCKNER, a stockbroker, who was arrested at the beginning of the month on his return from England, and William Gillespie, have been indicted by a Federal Grand Jury for conspiring to commit a mail fraud connected with an alleged Philippine Railway bond fraud.

The indictment alleges that a committee for the protection of bondholders was formed, to which Buckner and Gillespie caused themselves to be elected as chairman and vice-chairman respectively.

Subsequently, it is alleged, they solicited money from bondholders, claiming that it was necessary for expenses in connection with the redemption of bonds, whereas actually the money was converted for their own use.

Thirteen Hollywood film stars, including Miriam Hopkins, Ronald Colman, Herbert Marshall, Frank Morgan, Bing Crosby and Cary Grant have been subpoenaed as witnesses.

According to Mr. William Maloney, assistant United States Attorney General, they will be asked whether they had received money and efforts to raise funds, promising the bonds to be redeemed.—Reuter.

LATEST

Soviet Troops Massing

Paris, Dec. 30.
Growing Soviet-Japanese tension, as a result of the dispute over fishing concessions, has induced the Soviet Government to send 50,000 troops as reinforcements to Vladivostok, according to "Le Matin", the prominent Paris daily newspaper.—Trans-Ocean.

See Back Page For Further Late News

Scotch Whisky Must Come Fra' Scotland

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.
A SUIT brought by William James & Co., to be allowed to import whiskies labelled "Scotch" was dismissed by the Columbia District Court to-day.

The Federal Alcoholic Administration refused entry of the whisky because British excise authorities declined to certify the mixture of half Scotch, half Irish whiskies as "blended Scotch whisky."

The plaintiffs asked for an injunction compelling the United States Customs to release such imports and to declare the regulations of the F.A.A. unconstitutional.

The court declined both applications.—Reuter.

Football
TeamsMAN HAD 999 REASONS TO
END ROMANCEFiancee Asked for
One—Gets £400

Dublin.

had had only temporary residence in Dublin and that the property was his husband's provided for the time being.

Mr. Bruce Park, why did you leave your wife and child in the hands of a man who wanted to become a lawyer?

Was it because your husband was an undisciplined boy? Nothing of the kind.

MODERNISED FOR £7,000

The cottage was modernised for about £7,000 or £7,500. The alterations that were made. A large garage to hold four cars was built. Her husband paid.

In 1933 the freehold was bought for £3,500. That was arranged by her husband, £7,000 being raised by mortgage on the property.

Mrs. Tanfield agreed that she had signed a cheque in blank at her husband's request, frequently 50 or 60 at a time.

Asked about her gambling activities, Mrs. Tanfield agreed that her account showed that she had won £1,500 since January, 1937.

"I had a system at cards de fer," she declared. "I consistently won."

Two or three days after her husband's arrest she learned of the liabilities in her statement of affairs.

Is it a fact that you merely signed any documents your husband put before you? Exactly.

Mrs. Tanfield agreed that Mr. Max Gerson, whom she had known for about 10 years, was shown as a creditor for £300 in her statement of affairs.

At the request of her husband he had found a purchaser for White Place.

Mr. Bruce Park: Did you want to dispose of the property without the creditors becoming aware of it?—No.

After payment of the mortgage, she received £2,700 by banker's draft, which was cashed at a bank in Lombard Street in £1 notes.

"WHY £1 NOTES?"

Mr. Bruce Park: Why did you take it in £1 notes? That is rather a long story. Have you the patience to hear it?

Mr. Registrar: Parton: You should show a little more restraint. You are not impressing me as a witness. You appear to be enjoying yourself.

Mrs. Tanfield: I am not.

Mr. Bruce Park: Why did you draw the money in £1 notes?—I found that detectives were chasing me and, on the previous day, they were slow at the bank in cashing the cheque. I had made arrangements to go to France. When I went to the bank the next morning they kept me a long time. I was highly annoyed and said I wanted it in £1 notes.

Why should the fact that detectives were following you make you want to draw it in £1 notes?—I just wanted to give them something to think about.

It was not done so that their disposal could not be traced in any way?—Indeed not.

LOOKED TO HUSBAND

The money was handed to her husband, except about £200, "enough to take myself to France," on April 4.

She looked to her husband to pay the creditors.

Why did you go?—I wanted to take my children away from everything. It was close to my husband's trial.

Replying to Mr. W. A. L. Raeburn, counsel for the trustee, Mrs. Tanfield said she had given away jewellery which cost £1,160, "and not £11,600."

Mr. Raeburn: You know that there is about £10,000 to be accounted for since January last year; what has happened to it?

"I don't know," replied Mrs. Tanfield in a rather loud voice.

REGISTRAR'S WARNING

The Registrar warned her "not to answer like that."

"I may think you are not accounting for your assets," he said, "and it

A THIRTY-YEARS-OLD Dublin hunting man, who described his engagement as "a trial run" and eventually told his fiancée he had 999 good reasons why it should end, was ordered in the High Court recently to pay £400 damages, with costs, for breach of promise.

This sum was awarded to a married woman, Miss Ivy Edyth Simmendinger, also aged 30, and follower to Foxhounds, of Longford-terrace, Monkstown, County Dublin.

The defendant, Mr. Osmond Dixon, a handsome commercial traveller, of Westminister-road, Exeter, County Dublin, denied that he promised to marry Miss Simmendinger, a d d pleaded alternatively that any alleged promise was rescinded by mutual consent.

Mr. E. C. Micks, for Miss Simmendinger, said Mr. Dixon's standard of living was fairly high and the court would see that "he did himself fairly well."

When Miss Simmendinger was 20 she and her sister went to Worthing and started a business as women's costumers.

Mr. Dixon used to visit them there, and after she had spent a holiday in Ireland in 1936 he wrote proposing marriage. When she came over for the cub-hunting season in October he gave her six rings from which to choose.

In one letter, said Mr. Micks, Mr. Dixon referred to "a really super fox-hunt yesterday" and mentioned that newcomers at the meeting included two girls "very much out of the top drawer from Galway."

On February 8 he wrote, "You may as well have the plan facts as you don't seem to have read my previous letters correctly. My engagement is ended. I have no intention of getting married."

Later in the letter he remarked, "I always consider engagements final runs, and no doubt you will agree it is better to find out sooner than later."

CHANGED HIS MIND

Miss Simmendinger, giving evidence, said she and Mr. Dixon were born in the same road and were the same age.

In February she went to see him. He said there were 999 good reasons why the engagement should end. She told him, "Never mind. I will wait for you. Give me one." He then said he had changed his mind.

Mr. Fitzgerald, for Mr. Dixon, said his client had no savings, and the outside value of his income was between £500 and £600 a year.

He was made to feel that in some way he was not regarded as a desirable son-in-law, and felt it would not be fair to keep Miss Simmendinger waiting for two or three years in the hope that his financial position would improve.

Mr. Dixon said that the hunting cost him only about £1 a week.

may be I shall have to adjourn your examination since die."

Mrs. Tanfield agreed that in January, 1937, her assets were valued at £21,975.

Mr. Raeburn: Is it right that that included £10,000 worth of jewellery?—Yes.

It was at this stage that Mrs. Tanfield broke down and began to cry. Questioned later by Mr. I. Jacobs, counsel for Mr. Gerson, she agreed that Mr. Gerson was to receive a commission on the sale of White Place. She denied that the sale was fraudulent in any way.

Mrs. Tanfield, whose statement of affairs showed liabilities of £11,504 and assets of £927, gave an undertaking to supply the trustee with a list of jewellery which had been disposed of over the value of £100, and the examination ended.

NEW REX RECORDS

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- 0206—Ti-Pi-Tin.
- 0302—Give Me A Ride on Your Horse. Highland Swing.
- 0394—It's D'Lovely. Everyone Must Have A Sweetheart. BILLY COTTON'S ORCH.
- 0398—Darktown Strutters Ball. Alexander's Ragtime Band.
- 0401—Everyone Must Have A Sweetheart. Red Maple Leaves. BRIAN LAWRENCE ORCH.
- 0306—Music, Maestro Please. Now It Can Be Told. OSCAR RABIN & HIS ROMANY BAND.
- 0404—Overturiana. (William Tell, Zampa, Der Freischütz, Barber of Seville.
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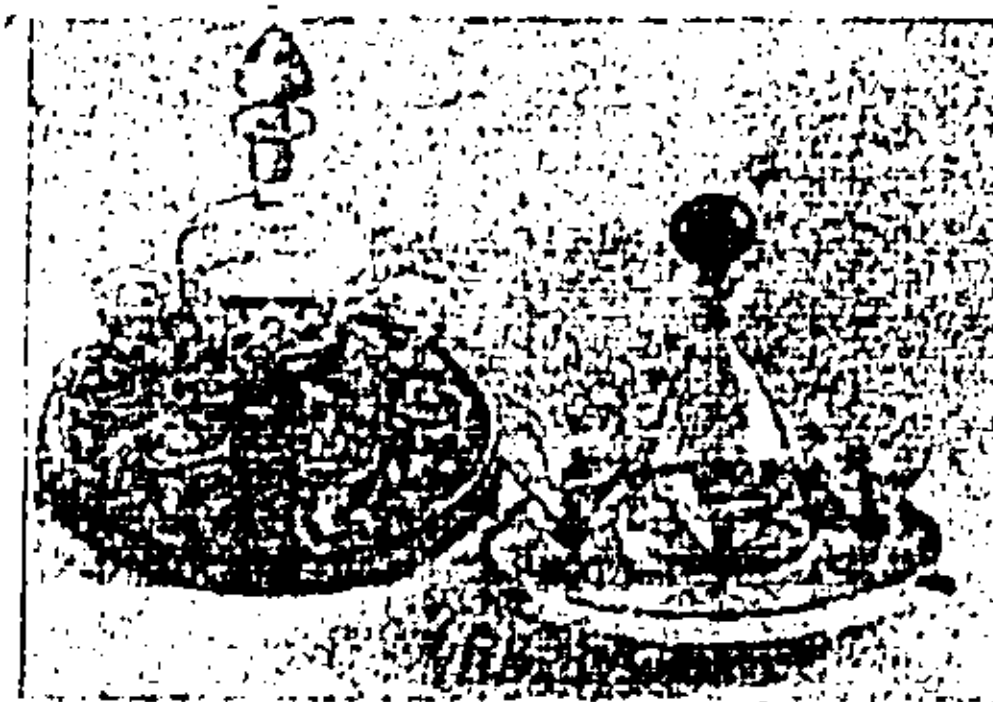
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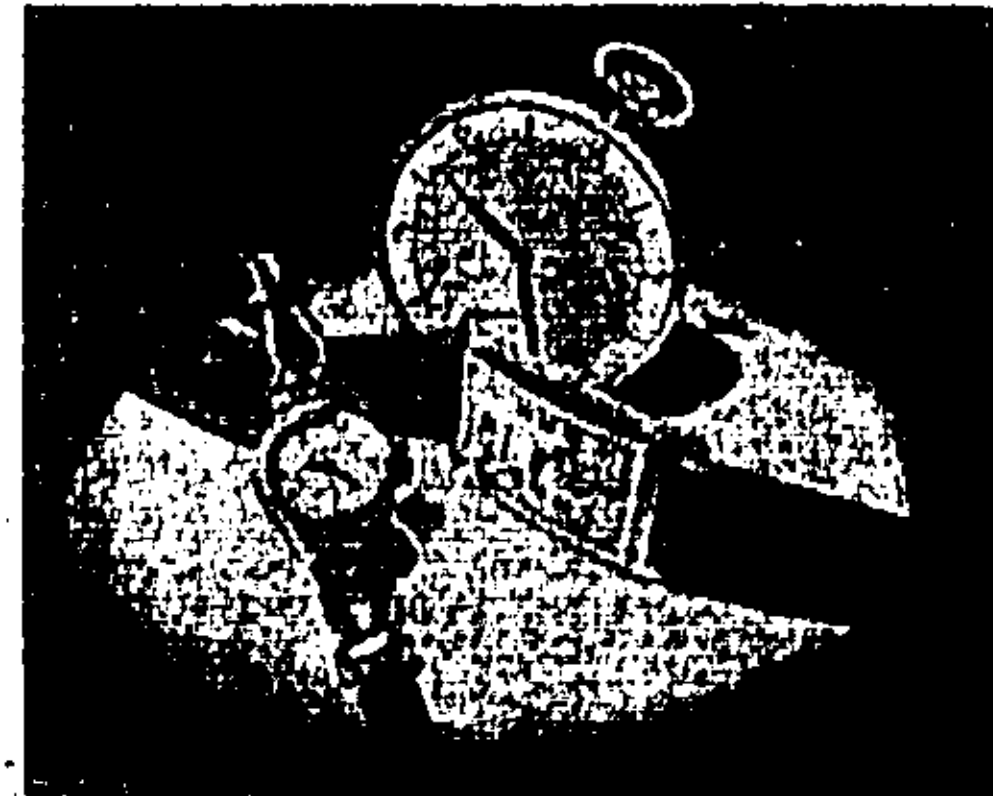


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In £1 Notes

MRS. MADELINE TANFIELD, formerly of White Place, Taplow, Bucks, told the Official Receiver in London Bankruptcy Court recently of her country

cottage that cost £11,000; her jewels, worth £10,000; her gambling "system" that won £1,500; a banker's draft for £2,700 that she cashed in £1 notes....

At the end she wept. "When my husband was arrested," she said in a trembling voice, "I returned every single thing I had to him. I think he raised money on it. Some was pawned."

Mrs. Tanfield, who wore a black costume and a "pill box" hat and veil, was accompanied by a woman

friend when she reached the court for her public examination.

MARRIED IN 1926

Examined by Mr. C. Bruce Park, the Official Receiver, she said she married Stanley William Tanfield in New York in 1926. Before that she was an actress partly dependent on her parents.

Her husband never gave her a fixed allowance. He always paid the out-goings. They came to England in 1926.

Mr. Bruce Park: Did you know the nature of your husband's business?—No, I never troubled to ask him.

In 1932 she acquired the lease of Orkney Cottage, Taplow — now known as White Place. She paid nothing for the lease. The rent was about £200 a year. Formerly she

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The writer of the following letter had a bad attack of rheumatism, and was advised to take Kruschen. He did so, and describes his experiences in the following words:—

"About two years ago I developed a violent attack of rheumatism in my left shoulder blade. I tried all sorts of remedies, but with no results, until one day my brother-in-law, on hearing of my suffering, exclaimed 'There is only one thing to cure rheumatism! That is—Kruschen Salts!' I decided to purchase a bottle, and for the first week took a teaspoonful in a glass of hot water each morning. The pain gradually disappeared and has now gone entirely. I am still taking my early morning dose, as I feel convinced that it is keeping me fit."

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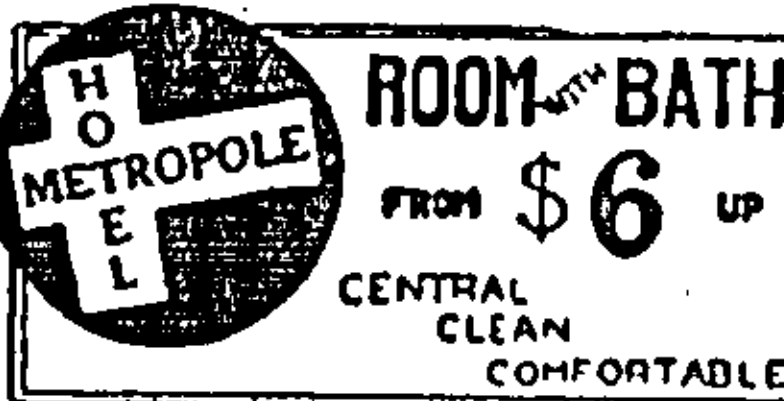
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ENGLISHMAN'S HOME IS HIS— REFRIGERATOR

BRITONS were advised recently to turn on the heat and to stop living in "houses like refrigerators" and under conditions which "manufacture colds and chills."

"For most of our people winter is an ordeal," declared Mr. Matthew Anderson, director of the Coal Utilisation Council, at the National Coal Convention.

"In millions of homes we have only one warm room, even in the coldest weather, with the rest of the house like a refrigerator. These conditions manufacture colds and chills."

Many schools were under-heated, and a former chief inspector of L.C.C. elementary schools had said that in some of London's schools the children had been too cold sometimes to be educated.

Too many hotels outside London were still backward in heating. "I have been charged 3s. 6d. for a coal fire in my bedroom in a northern city," Mr. Anderson remarked.

"I am convinced that a successful outcome of the campaign to

keep the British public warm would require an increased use of at least 3,000,000 tons of coal a year."

MINISTER'S PLEA

If Parliament removed the regulations operating against home-produced fuel national security would gain, there would be more work in the coalfields and a better balance of trade through limiting foreign imports.

Mr. Oliver Stanley, President of the Board of Trade, appealed for unity in the coal industry and said that more and more in these difficult times each industry had to consider itself as a whole and to try to make allowances for each other's problems.

Television Is Looking Up

THERE is a boom in television. It is not comparable with the radio boom of a few years ago, when manufacturers sold sets as fast as they could make them under mass production methods, but there has been a very big jump in television sales.

"We are selling as many television sets as we can turn out at the moment," a member of one firm said. "Any would-be viewer is lucky if he can buy a set and get delivery between now and Christmas."

Their Poor Relations Live In Trafalgar Square

FOUR thousand one hundred and three pigeons—ranging in value from £2 to £100 each—cooed, pouted, flapped, strutted, pecked and preened at Alexandra Palace recently while 46 judges—45 men and a woman—assessed their merits in the third championship of the National Pigeon Association.

Between the cages walked fanciers, judges, stewards, amateurs, breeders, and a handful of people who were just looking on.

Anybody who thinks a pigeon is one of those fat bluish-tinted birds that puff about the City streets or flap round the corn-carriers in Trafalgar Square should get an expert to take him round the show. Moderns are judged on their carriage (like mannequins). They have the form of a large-sized wren, with cocky tails. Dragons have white "coral" encrusted round the beak.

Fantails are judged by the way they bend their heads back so that a judge can see only the sweeping curve of the breast.

Jacobins hide their heads with a mane of fluffy feathers.

Trumpeters, most fantastic of all, have long whiskers round their feet and so heavy a mane that it has to be cut at the breeding season. Pouters are the comedians, and their slimmer, lighter relatives, the Fancys, who can blow themselves out into a graceful oval.

"TWO FACED"

Short-faced, long-faced, bald-headed, like coots, grey, magenta, blue, speckled, like shot-silk, they sit in their cages pecking their food, patient and very lovely, presenting as much variety as Negroes, Chinese, Redskins, Arabs and Europeans.

And all emitting that soothing, rippling sound that is like nothing so much as the drag of shingle, on a dead-calm day.



Mr. T. H. G. Brayfield chatting with Mr. Israel outside the weighing-in room after leading in Salvage Master which won the Autumn Champions recently.—Pictorial News.

LORD BEAUCHAMP DIES AFTER U.S. FAMILY REUNION

A FEW weeks after taking part in a convention of the Lygon family in America, Earl Beauchamp, head of the English branch and leader of the Liberal Party in the House of Lords from 1924 to 1931, has died in New York, aged 66.

He had been ill for nearly a month, but the nature of his illness was not disclosed.

Lord Elmley, his son and heir, who was called to his father's bedside last month, is returning to England with the body.

In October Lord Beauchamp sailed for America to visit his cousins, and, with his daughters, Lady Mary and Lady Dorothy Lygon, and his son, the Hon. Richard, attended a convention of the family at Washington.

It lasted for three days and ended with a dance attended by all the assembled Lygons (or Ligons, as the American members of the family spell their name).

The family has spread widely since its beginnings at Madresfield Court, Malvern, and the American chief is Mr. William D. Ligons, Chief Mechanical Engineer of the Third U.S. Naval District at New York.

He told an interviewer that, counting all kinsfolk and related branches, there are as many as 4,000 members of the family in America. Most are descended from Colonel Thomas Ligon, who arrived on the eastern shore of Virginia from England in 1642.

BY ELECTION

The succession to the Earldom of 35-year-old Viscount Elmley, after a by-election in the East Norfolk Division, which he has represented since 1929. He is a Liberal National and has been acting as parliamentary private secretary to Mr. Hore-Belisha, the War Minister.

Born in 1872, the seventh Earl of Beauchamp, until 1931, had a brilliant and crowded career. He led

the Liberal Party in the House of Lords, was chairman of the National Liberal Club and held many high offices of State.

When only 23 Lord Beauchamp became Mayor of Worcester. At 25 he was a member of the London School Board, and only two years later was appointed Governor and Commander-in-Chief of New South Wales.

In 1910 he was First Commissioner of Works, in 1910 and 1914 Lord President of the Council, and in 1913 Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports.

Lord Beauchamp married in 1902 Lady Lettice Grosvenor, daughter of the late Earl Grosvenor. She died in 1936.

Luise Rainer Now An American

Los Angeles. Miss Luise Rainer, the Austrian-born film actress, has been admitted to United States citizenship.

Last August Miss Rainer took her "naturalization" following her request that she might become an American citizen. The examination consisted of a series of questions on history and American Government. Miss Rainer is the wife of Mr. Clifford Odets, the playwright.

THE NEED OF A SECOND CHILD

WHEN a mother came to him with her first baby he always urged that there should be a little brother or sister in about two years' time.

So said Dr. Elwin H. T. Nash, speaking on child welfare in London recently at the Public Health Services Congress. Dr. Nash retired recently from the position of medical officer of health at Heston and Isleworth.

"We are breeding a race of neurotics of the worst type," he said. "The mother-to-day has the delusion, and it is a complete delusion, that she is all that is required by her child."

"We never are, never can be and never shall be at any time companions of our own children. Their outlook in life is entirely different."

CHILD'S RIGHT

"We get parents complaining that little Willie will run out and play with the boy across the road and get so dirty. That is the child's urge—for someone of his own age. He doesn't need his mother. We are depriving them of the companionship which is their right."

"I have pleaded time and again for that other child. It is one of the most

important things that can be dealt with in ante-natal and child welfare service."

Papers were read dealing with the organisation of public dental schemes. Mr. William Ritchie Young, Glasgow dental officer, said schoolchildren statistics throughout the country show about 80 per cent. suffering from dental disease.

NEED THE DENTIST

If all children could leave school, not only dentally fit, but "mouth conscious," it would be a great contribution to national health.

Mr. Cranley Smith, municipal dental surgeon, Bermondsey, said the majority of working-class mothers were sadly in need of the services of the dentist. Local authorities should establish schemes staffed by local dentists to deal adequately with those whose means prevent them attending the private practitioner.

Mr. Bryan Wood, former president of the British Dental Association, said it was imperative that they should create in the public mind a conviction that a healthy mouth was the gateway to a healthy body, for without that conviction much of their work would inevitably be wasted.

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CHURCH NOTICES

LESSON SERMON.

First Church of Christ,
Scientist, Hongkong

SUBJECT—GOD

The subject of the Lesson Sermon in all Christian Science Churches, to-morrow 1st January will be "God." The Golden Text will be—"Thus saith the Lord the King of Israel, and his redeemer the Lord of hosts; I am the first and I am the last; and beside me there is no God." (Isaiah 44:6).

Among others the following citations will be read from the Bible:—"Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah: Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant they brake, although I was an husband unto them, saith the Lord; but this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel: After those days, saith the Lord, I will put my law in their inward parts, and will write it on their hearts; and they shall be my people, and I shall be their God, and they shall love me, and shall keep my commandments, and shall abide in me, and I will abide in them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. And they shall not teach one another, saying, I know the Lord; for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the Lord." (Jeremiah 31:31-34).

The following citations will also be read from the Christian Science Text-book, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy:—"I or Ego, Divine Principle: Spirit Soul incarnate, unerring, immortal, and eternal Mind." "All the object of God's creation reflect one Mind, and whatever reflects not this one Mind, is false and erroneous, even the belief that substance and intelligence are both mental and material. Life, truth, and Love constitute the triune Person called God; and is the triune divine Principle, Love, they represent a trinity in unity, three in one; the same in essence, though multiform in office: God the Father, Mother; Christ the spiritual, and the Holy Comforter. These three express of divine Science, the three essential nature of the infinite." (Page 58, 231).

First Church of Christ, Scientist, Hong Kong. The First Church of Christ, Scientist in Canton, Mass., No. 31 Macdonell Road, open to Peak Station. Sunday service 11.15 a.m. The Sunday School is held at 10 a.m. Testimony Meeting, Wednesday, 6 p.m. A training Room is located in the Church Building and is open on Monday to Friday inclusive from 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. All authorized Christian Science literature is available at the Reading Room. The public is cordially invited to attend the services and to visit the Reading Room.

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Annual Covenant Service And Communion

Services on Sunday, January 1. Preachers, Morning, Rev. J. E. Sanderson, Evening, Rev. Donald B. Childie.

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NOTICE.

It is hereby notified that the following licences and permits are due for renewal on the 1st January, 1939:—

- (1) Private Rickshaw and Driver Licences.
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- (3) Triecyle and Driver Licences.
- (4) Public Motor Vehicle Licences.
- (5) Motor Vehicle Permits.

Before relicensing triecycles must be taken for inspection to No. 2 Police Station, Wanchai, or Tsim Sha Tsui Police Station, Kowloon, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 12 noon between January 3rd and January 24th., 1939.

T. H. KING,
Commissioner of Police.
31st December, 1938.
Hong Kong.

R.A.O.B. (G.L.E.) CLUB

The Committee wish it to be generally known that with effect from 1st January, 1939, the club is re-constituted. The committee extend a cordial and hearty invitation to all members R.A.O.B. (G.L.E.) to visit and attend the club.

Particulars regarding membership and subscriptions may be obtained from the Hon. Secretary or from members of the Committee.

D. A. PETERS,
Hon. Secretary.

December 22, 1938.

Morning Parade Service at the English Methodist Church at 10.15 a.m. followed by the Annual Covenant Service with Holy Communion. Hymns 959, 930, 360, 607, 831.

Evening Service at the English Methodist Church at 7 p.m. Hymns 252, 817, 915, 958.

Notices For The Week

1. Following the Evening Service a Social Hour will be held at the S. & S. Home at 8.15 p.m. All Servicemen and civilians are warmly welcomed.

2. The Badminton Club will meet at the S. & S. Home on Monday and Thursday at 7 p.m.

3. There will be a meeting for Prayer and Fellowship at the S. & S. Home on Tuesday at 8.30 p.m.

4. Attention is drawn to the Universal Week of Prayer, Monday, January 2, to Sunday, January 8, inclusive. Meetings will be held daily in St. John's Cathedral from 5.30 to 6.30 p.m.

"The Week of Prayer will culminate in a united service of witness on Sunday, January 8, at 6.30 p.m. to be conducted by the Rt. Rev. Bishop Ronald O. Hall.

UNION CHURCH

(Kennedy Road)

Old Toys Wanted For Poor Children

Morning Service 10.30 a.m. Evening Service 6 p.m.

Preacher at both services: Rev. K. Mackenzie Dow.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated at the close of Evening Service. We should be grateful to all who have children's old toys, if they would leave these at the Church Hall, for distribution later to poor children in hospitals and refugee camps throughout the Colony. If it is inconvenient to leave them at the Church Hall, please phone 29139, and we will collect them.

New York Prepares For Happy New Year

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.

WITH MOST of the hotels charging an average of \$35 per head for dinner, New York is preparing to spend one of the most expensive New Year's Eves in post-depression times.

Fifteen hundred extra hands have been engaged to augment the city's regular 15,000 bartenders, though celebrants in New York will have to observe the regular Sunday 3 a.m. curfew in respect to the serving of liquor. The curfew has been raised in some of the other States.

As usual, upwards of 1,000,000 are expected to jam Times Square where the shops have boarded up the lower parts of their windows to guard against breakage.

Scores of extra police have been drafted into the city to handle the throngs.

Throughout the country, on the stroke of midnight, millions of celebrants will hear bands of wire-less, and in the dance halls, restaurants, and night clubs, blast forth Gerhart's "Dawn of A New Day," which has been chosen as the theme song for the New Year World's Fair.

New expressions which will be heard wherever people gather to celebrate are the Fair's two slogans: "Happy New Year" and "Things will be fine in 'Thirty-Nine."—Reuter.

TAXIS MAY STRIKE

Millions of New Yorkers are preparing to participate in the biggest New Year festivities for ten years. Meanwhile 5,500 taxicab drivers have approved of a strike, which will

possibly leave the city virtually without a taxi.

Hotels and cafes are quoting prices comparable with a year ago—\$4 to \$10 per person.

Reveries intend to circumvent the 3 a.m. Sunday curfew forbidding the dispensation of alcoholic drinks, by buying sufficient before the deadline becomes effective.

Taxi-drivers are demanding renewals of contracts, which expire at midnight on Saturday, with commissions increased to 50 per cent. compared with the present 45 per cent., and also for paid vacations, job-security provisions, and the end of alleged racial discrimination.—United Press.

Alleged Spy For Japanese 'Dies' In Prison

Tokyo, Dec. 30.

A sensation has been caused here by the news from Moscow that Daiki Takahashi, manager of the Japanese Merchant Shipping Agency in Vladivostok died recently in prison "somewhere in the Soviet Union."

Mr. Takahashi was arrested and imprisoned in the spring of last year on suspicion of military espionage.

An official report received at the Japanese Foreign Office states that the First Secretary of the Japanese Embassy in Moscow called on the Soviet Foreign Office and demanded the immediate release of six Japanese, including Takahashi, at present detained by the Soviet authorities. He was informed that Takahashi died in prison, and that the remaining five men will be committed for public trial shortly on charges of espionage.—Reuter.

WORLD'S BRAVEST OLD LADY IN H.K. Octogenarian Travels While Money Lasts

THIS IS THE story of the world's most courageous "young-old" lady.

Her name is Miss Katherine Allmann. Now in Hongkong, she will celebrate her 81st birthday at sea, en route to California in the American President liner President Taft, which leaves Kowloon to-night.

Miss Allmann has no relatives in the world, except a brother "whom I haven't seen for many, many years."

Her passion is travel. She has travelled the world since, way back in 1858, her parents took her on her first trip as an immigrant from Germany to the United States.

"I work in between my travels," Miss Allmann told the "Telegraph." "I worked for a long time in Los Angeles to save up \$400 so that I could make this trip to the Orient. And I love Hongkong. It is so beautiful, such a nice place."

"What sort of work do I do? Anything at all!"

"Housekeeping, mostly. When I go back to Los Angeles, I will start work again as an house-keeper so that I can save enough for another trip."

"It is getting a bit harder now to find work, because some people think I am getting too old."

"I don't feel old. I feel young and happy, and I'm going to live for at least another twenty years. My grand-mother was 105 when she died. I'm going to reach the hundred."

FUNNY PEOPLE IN FUNNY WORLD

"I love travelling around the world because it is such a funny place full of funny people."

Miss Allmann, who travels have taken her through Europe, where she found Continental people "deceitful and dishonest."

"Hongkong people are much more honest, very much more kind. I have been very happy during my stay here."

"People in Europe are dishonest because their governments are dishonest. They do not trust each other."

"In Hongkong even the rickshaw coolies have been kind to me. (I love your rickshaws). I have heard that they try to cheat tourists, but that is not my experience."

"In Holland, I once had to get the American Consul to assist me because I was cheated of my money. In Germany the police thought they were little Kaisers."

"My last trip, before I came to Hongkong, was a 'hike' across the United States from New York to California. My trip I enjoyed it."

"My next trip? Maybe I'll come to dear Hongkong again."

Miss Allmann's philosophy for a happy long life is: "Don't worry. If you're happy all the time, the people around you will also be happy."

GOEBBELS RECOVERS

Berlin, Dec. 30. The Reich Propaganda Minister, Dr. Josef Goebbels, who has been laid up with a chill on the stomach, has now sufficiently recovered to leave the nursing home, and he will give his customary broadcast address to the German nation on New Year's Eve.—Trans-Ocean.

ANOTHER BRITISH SHIP BOMBED

Barcelona, Dec. 30. It is reported that the Loyallist re-captured Verice Sabies in the Seros sector on Thursday.

A Valencia message states that at 10.45 a.m. to-day ten Savoires dropped 60 bombs on the Valencia port and the district of Elgrano, destroying a number of houses. There were also some casualties.

The British steamer Mirapuro was bombed and damaged in the harbour.—United Press.

Yangtze River Closure

Chungking, Dec. 31.

A joint committee organised by the British, American, French, Netherlands and other foreign circles in Shanghai decided at a meeting on Wednesday night to ask the British and U.S. Consulates-General and Naval and Military Commands to again negotiate with the Japanese authorities for re-opening the Yangtze River to shipping of third Powers.

The committee suggested that shipping between Shanghai and Nanking be resumed first and then later extended to Anhwei.

The committee further proposed that if the Japanese authorities think that further deliberations are necessary, a round-table conference be held on either the British or U.S. flagship.

It is said that the British and U.S. Consulates-General and Naval and Military Commands are carefully considering the matter.—Central News.

Chen To Remain Awhile In U.S.

Shanghai, Dec. 30.

Mr. K. P. Chen, China's financial negotiator now in the United States, will not return as scheduled in the middle of January, but will stay for some time longer, according to Chinese reports.

Chinese reports state that Mr. Chen, who flew to the United States in September last has achieved four marked successes: firstly, the prolongation of the Sino-American silver agreement for two years, secondly conclusion of a \$25,000,000 credit for the purchase of American trucks and gasoline, thirdly prolongation of the Sino-American exchange agreement which expired at the end of the year, and fourthly a general improvement in Sino-American trade relations.

It is believed that Mr. Chen is now negotiating regarding further United States credits or loans.—Trans-Ocean.

Village Destroyed By Obstinacy

Shanghai, Dec. 30.

A straw hut Chinese village, which had sprung up on the ruins of Chapel, was destroyed by fire to-day, when Japanese sentries refused to permit International Settlement fire engines to proceed to the fire.

It is not known whether there were any casualties, but in the last similar straw-hut fire early in December, over a dozen Chinese were trapped and cremated.—United Press.

FRANCO-IRANESE RELATIONS END

Cairo, Dec. 30.

The rupture in diplomatic relations between France and Iran, which has occurred on the initiative of the Iranian Government, was motivated, according to an official Iranian statement, by criticisms of Shah Riza Pahlavi in the French press.—Trans-Ocean.



Beautiful Valerie Hobson follows the man she loves—Roger Livesey—to India's dangerous North West frontier in "The Drum," Alexander Korda's thrilling technicolour production, which comes to the King's Theatre to-day.

POST OFFICE.

INWARD MAILS

From	Per	Date
Tientsin and Swatow	Hupoh	December 31.
Hai Phong, Pakhoi and Hoihow	Kwangtung	December 31.
Hoihow	Muinam	December 31.
Straits	Anshun	January 1.
Strait	Behar	January 1.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 26th December.		
Hai Phong and Fort Bayard	Imperial Airways Plane	January 1.
Shanghai and Swatow	Jean Dupuis	January 1.
Salon	Klungchow	January 1.
Air Mail by "Pan-American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 24th December.		
Java	Pan-American Airways Plane	January 1.
Japan and Shanghai	Tjlsalak	January 1.
Australia and Manila	Bangalore	January 2.
Java and Manila	Nellore	January 2.
Shanghai and Amoy	Tjlsalak	January 2.
Strait	Tainan	January 2.
Strait	Manila Maru	January 3.
Strait	Surpuden	January 3.
Strait	Titan	January 3.
Manila	Empress of Japan	January 4.
Air Mail by "Pan-American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 28th December 1938		
	Pan-American Airways Plane	January 4.

OUTWARD MAILS

For	Per	Date and Time
Saturday		
Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., C. and S. Pres Taft	G.P.O. and K.P.O.	Sat., Dec. 31.
America via San Francisco, Papers only for Canada)—due San Francisco 19th January, 1939.	Reg.	Dec. 31, 3.00 p.m.
Air Mail for "Air-France Service"—due Marseilles, 15th January.		
	Reg.	Dec. 31, 4.15 p.m.
	Ord.	Dec. 31, 5.00 p.m.
Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu and U.S.A., by the "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—due San Francisco 8th January.		
	Reg.	Dec. 31, 4.30 p.m.
	Ord.	Dec. 31, 5.00 p.m.
	K.P.O.	Sat., Dec. 31.
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Shanghai	Sochoo	Sun., Jan. 1, 9 a.m.
Salon	Lycmoon	Sun., Jan. 1, 9 a.m.

Monday		
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London, 9th January 1939.	Reg.	Jan. 2, Noon.
	Ord.	Jan. 2, 1 p.m.
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Shanghai and Tientsin	Takung	Mon., Jan. 2, 1 p.m.
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Salon	Kanchow	Tues., Jan. 3, 8.30 a.m.

Wednesday		
Dairen and (Papers and Papers only for Canada)—due Victoria B.C.	Reg.	Jan. 3, 9.30 a.m.
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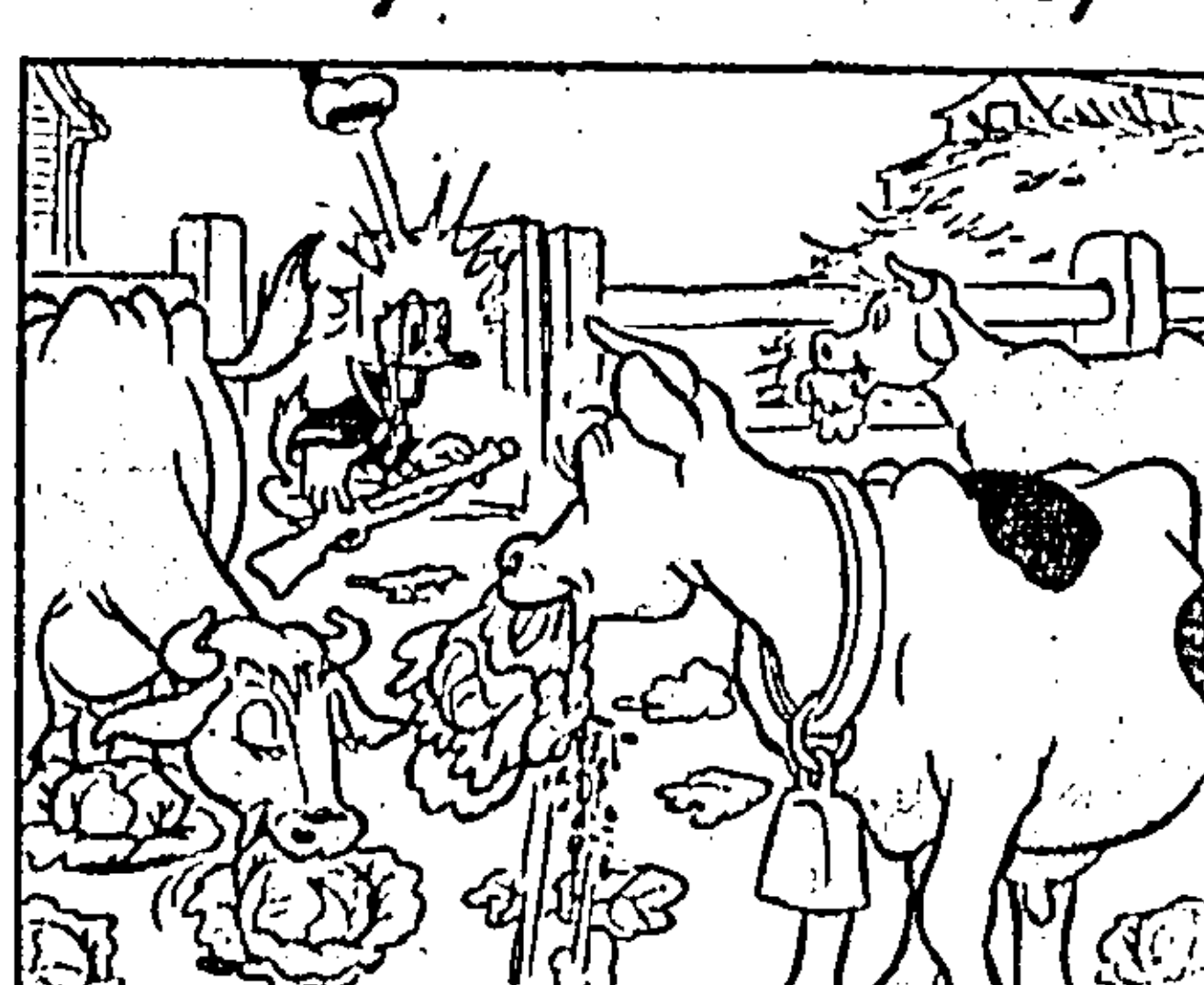
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FANCY one of Denmark's most beautiful girls coming to London for two weeks' holiday then staying only two days and going home. Jenny Jaeger is the girl. She comes from Aarhus, grey sea-port by the Cattegat, and they call her there the loveliest girl in Jutland.

Jenny's objections to London are two-fold: too lonely and too fattening.

"London seems a nice city. People are very courteous, but not really friendly. Who can a girl talk to when she doesn't know any one in the place?"

"OH, THE KILOS"

But it was the food which worried Jenny most—though she comes from a country of mighty eaters.

"When I see a beefsteak I must eat him. They told me in Denmark about the English beefsteak. He is so good. And the chips. And the onions. But oh, the kilos."

"Danish food isn't anything like so fattening as yours."

Her working weight as a mannequin is 125 lbs. Holiday eating has added six pounds already and Jenny was proposing to eat a final beefsteak in the Harwich boat-train. "And then I shall be starving for a month."

And off she went.

New York Calls It "Bronx Cheer"

Mr. David O. Wilson, Santa Monica, California, wearied of drivers who hooted to spur him on at the traffic lights.

So he invented a mechanical "tongue sticker out" and put it on the back of his car.

A light illuminates the grotesque features of a mask, the mouth opens, and the tongue comes out in an insultingly realistic manner.

The horn blows a "Bronx cheer," which has a more fruity name in Britain.

The United States Patent Office has given its full approval to the invention.

Best Feet Backward

BRIDE and bridesmaids were kept waiting for a bridegroom at Omore Vale, Glamorgan, recently.

Here is the reason:

The bridegroom had ordered a new pair of shoes. They had still not arrived

when the time came for the wedding.

After a search it was found that they had been delivered to the wrong address.

Only then was the groom able to put his best feet forward . . . to race to the ceremony.

Mystery Of St. George's Hall: HAS MASKELYNE'S GHOST RETURNED?

"He Said He Would If He Could..."

"It may have been the ghost of my grandfather, John Neville Maskelyne, who died in the war, or my uncle Archie, who died about fourteen years ago. I won't believe and I certainly won't disbelieve. But I would like to sit up in the hall one night and see if at last the Maskelyne disbelief in spirits is disproved."

Mr. Jasper Maskelyne, pre-sent head of the famous family of illusionists, made this remark referred to the story that the ghost of one of his family, led, had been seen sitting in the e's Hall, once-famous home of Maskelyne and Devant, now the B.B.C. centre of music-hall broadcasts.

The "ghost" has been seen twice within the last eight months. Mr. Jasper Maskelyne told a family secret:

"It was understood between all of us," he said, "that if any of the family could get back from the next world into communication with the living members of the family without the aid of a spiritualistic medium, we should try to do so. As you know, for nearly 100 years we have tried to 'expose' every sort of ghostly happening."

"From my point of view, if this ghost of my grandfather or uncle is genuine it is more than interesting. I don't disbelieve its possibility."

"TAKING NOTES"

"Do you believe in ghosts?" "I won't say no and I won't say yes," he said. "From the days of the Bible to the present day, Spiritualism has always been a living belief."

"But," he said suddenly, intensely, "this ghost sits in the stalls—where my uncle sat taking notes. My grandfather always sat in a corner on the left at the back, what we call the 'Post's Corner.' I am going to sit up for him one night, soon. Perhaps a Maskelyne has come back after all."

If Maskelyne, arch-debunker of ghosts, has returned to haunt a London theatre he is in good company.

Fifty or 60 people have seen the ghost of Drury Lane, the youngish man with a curled wig, a grey full-skirted coat, knee-breeches, buckled shoes, a handsome, sad face, who walks from the left-hand side of the stage, through a brick wall to the back of the upper circle, straight

through another brick wall into a bar.

DAGGER IN RIBS

Years ago, when they were rebuilding a part of the theatre, they found a little room, walled up, airless, dark, on that left-hand side of the stage. It used to be a pass door. Workmen stripping the bricked-up wall noticed new bricks. They broke through the wall, found a room.

On the floor, huddled, were the cluttered, twisted remains of a man who had died in agony. A dagger stuck skew-wise in his ribs. The fragments of a grey riding cloak whispered like leaves across the door as the air broke in.

"He's genuine all right," Mr. McQueen-Pope of Drury Lane said recently. "Too many people have seen the ghost within the last 12 months for us to disbelieve it—cleaners, actors, members of the audience, and others."

The Haymarket Theatre has its ghost—Buckstone, the great actor-playwright who died in 1879, after he had written about 160 plays. "He looked like Gordon Barker and he has been seen again and again" an official of the theatre said.

They have a woman at the Royalty, that doomed theatre in Soho, which falls into dust and debris at the end of this year. She is a woman in white, dressed in a Queen Anne hooped skirt, panned. She has a white high pompadour head-dress.

THEATRE GHOSTS

And they have seen her walk down the faded magnificence of the staircase of the old house next door which belongs to the theatre, and fade into a blank wall.

The Tower has as many as you would expect. For instance, the cone of blue and ghostly smoke which Edward Lenthal Swift, Keeper of the Crown Jewels from 1814 to 1852, saw in the Jewel House one night. His wife sat at table. He offered her a glass of wine.

As she put it to her lips the sudden spinning cone of smoke descended from the ceiling, touched her arm. She shuddered, screamed: "Strike it down, it is choking me." Swift struck at it with a chair. It vanished.

These are a few of the ghosts of London. There are dozens more. Two thousand years of enormous history, of militant men and dangerous women, have left some mark on the retina of time.

So perhaps John Neville Maskelyne, the Great Disbeliever, has come back.

COCKTAIL 'KINGS' HAVE A PARTY

SOME of the most revered of the West End's cocktail barmen—those slick dispensers in white coats, who know just what you need to put the world right with you—got together recently in the basement of a Soho club and played darts for a shield.

You might not have suspected that Ernest and George and all those men apparently without surnames could tear themselves away from their beloved blends. But they did, and they threw as pretty a dart as you could wish.

They were competing in the semi-final and the final of the United Kingdom Bartenders' Guild pairs tournament. Their arena was the Catering Employers' Association's Club in Brewer-street, W.

WOMEN DOCTORS EQUAL OF MEN? Australian View

Melbourne.

Victorian medical opinion is that properly qualified women should always be considered equal with men for any medical position.

The statement was made in medical circles recently, in reply to remarks in the Western Australian Legislative Assembly by the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. C. G. Latham) and Mr. H. S. Raphael (Lab.), who criticised the Government's selection of a woman as medical officer of the State Insurance Office.

These critics said men would not have confidence in a woman doctor and that most of the cases she would deal with would be those of men.

SEX NO BAR

One leader of medical thought said that sex was not regarded as an obstacle to selection. In this State were Dr. Eileen Fitzgerald, Chief Medical Officer of the Education Department, Dr. Hilda Bull at the Town Hall, as medical officer for the infectious diseases, Dr. Hilda Kin-kaid, Chief Welfare Officer, and Dr. Vera Scantlebury as medical officer at the Health Department.

Dr. Dale, City Health Officer, said that although physically they were weaker than men, women doctors certainly were not weaker mentally. It might be true that a certain number of men would not have confidence in a woman doctor, but they were quite wrong. The average woman doctor was at least as good as, if not better than, the average man.

Incompatibility —By a Judge

"INCOMPATIBILITY of temperament is a lively phrase invented by a Victorian novelist, but it does not mean anything at all."

This explanation was given by Mr. Justice Langton in the Divorce Court recently when a husband attributed differences between himself and his wife to it.



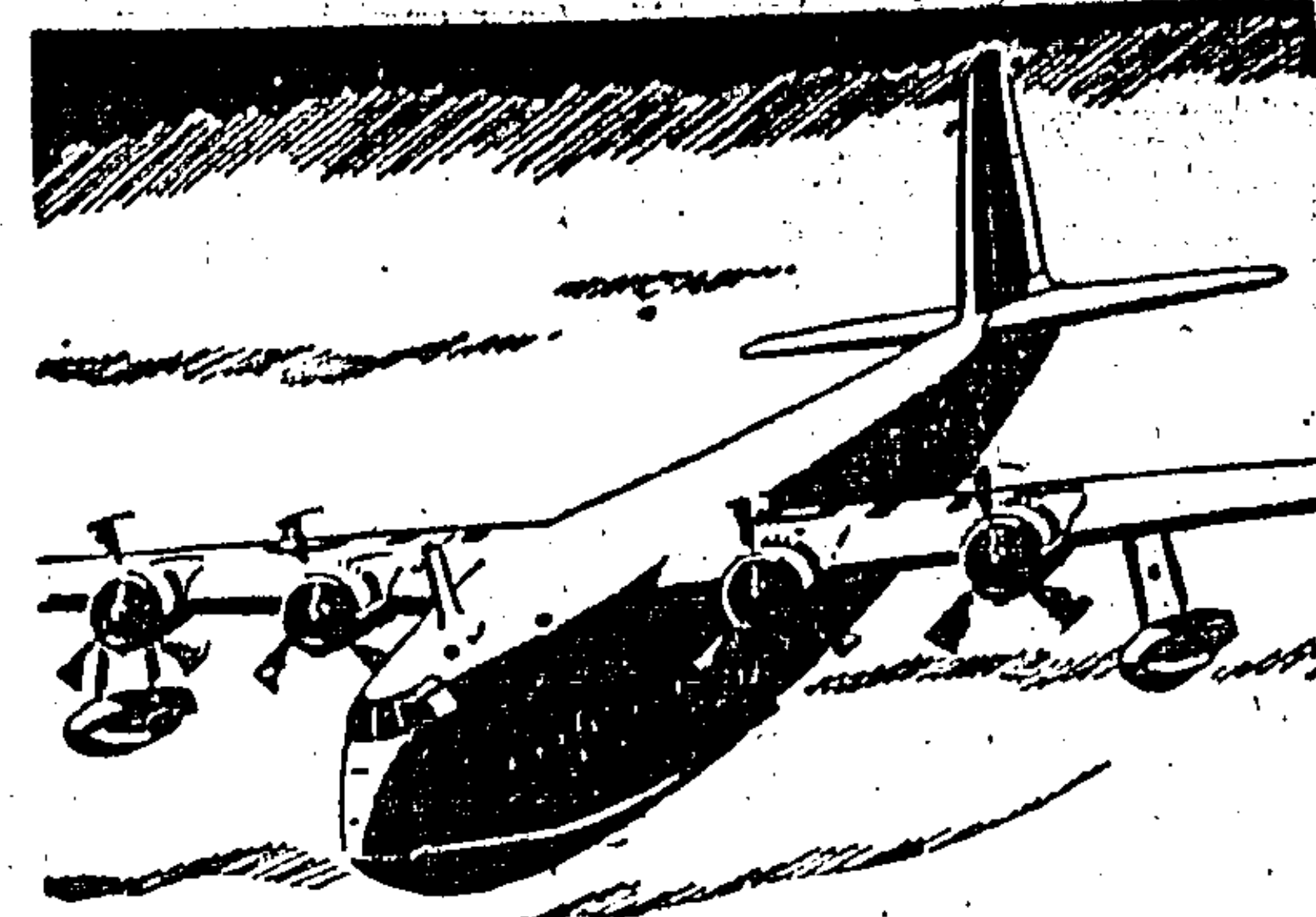
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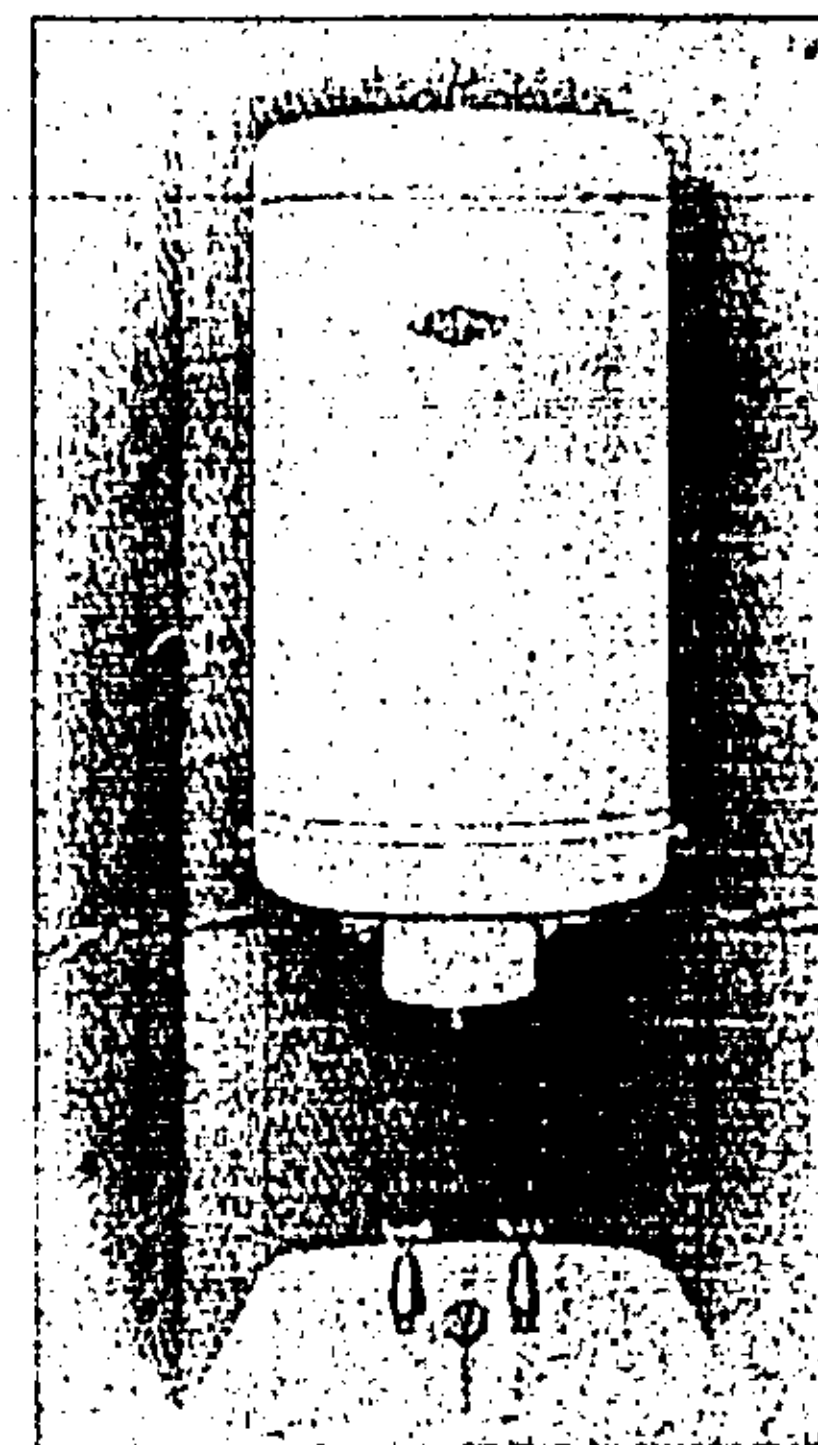
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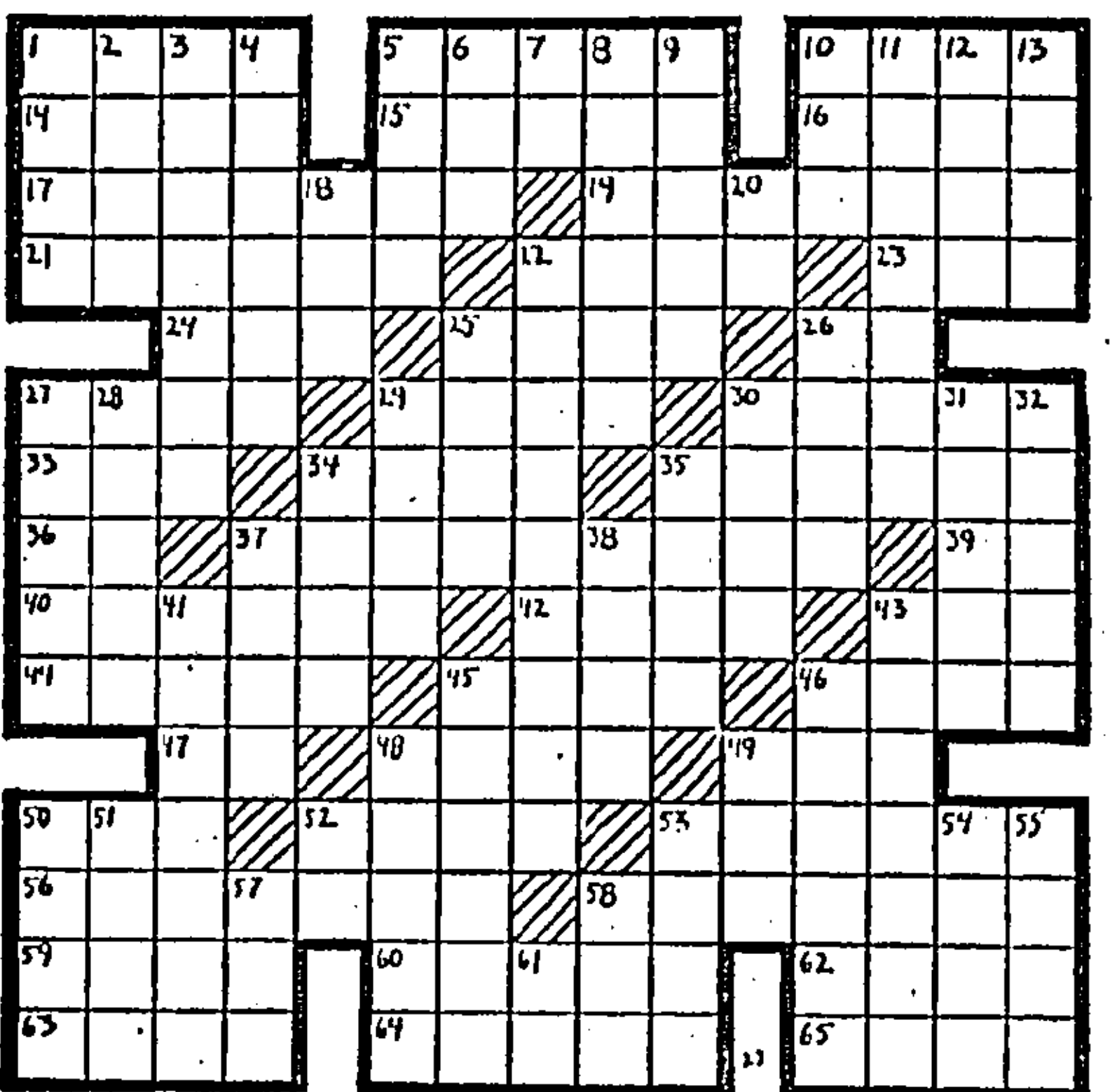
By LARS MORRIS

ACROSS

- Little tennis ball over opponent's head
- Duration of birds
- Washed over again
- Worshiped image
- Conductor
- Flow the harvest
- Food money
- Simple
- With maiden name
- Over in disguise
- Annual (ecclesiastical)
- Exclamation
- County in New York
- Am not able to
- Long Mohammedan shirt
- Excluded trace
- Antiseptic explorer
- Containing his unit
- Letter of apostles
- Unpleasant trail
- Any
- Am sorry
- Between ropes and lower rim
- Male voice
- Palms
- Old
- From: to
- Union
- View University
- German for "war"
- Patience
- Ice cream
- Heated
- Port wine food
- Old English law

DOWN

- Native of Ladland
- Open-mouthed vessel
- French school
- Long era
- Color of Confederate uniform
- Picture name
- On top of
- Simple
- Picture of standard
- In later quantity
- In addition to
- French wine
- One - British
- Music instruments
- Kind of day
- Music
- They inside out
- Chinese deity
- Antithetical sea
- Sharp
- Port of Sublime
- Deliberate assembly
- Altrone brew
- Min
- Min down
- Pathway
- Knotted carriage
- Escal
- Two-wheeled carriage
- Straitened
- Water-melting
- Robbery
- Bring forth young
- Yellowish-grey
- Admiration
- 3 till
- Altrone idyl
- American author
- 1833-1834
- Snake in hat
- One - British
- Catech
- Note of scale



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SHE WAS MODEL WIFE OF HER VILLAGE

But a Pickpocket In the West End

ALL the villagers of Wickford (Essex) respected Mrs. May White, 40-year-old, rosy-cheeked mother of three children.

They respected her because they knew she was a hard-working, capable wife and mother.

Elsewhere—in London's West End, of all places—a different opinion of her was held.

R.A.F. Man Carried Ring On Record Trip

Melbourne.

The only cargo carried by No. 2 of the three R.A.F. Vickers Wellesley bombers which broke the non-stop long-distance record recently was a diamond engagement ring.

The ring was in the pocket of Flight-Sergeant T. D. Dixon, and it was for the hand of Miss Edna Schweitzer, a Queensland girl, who met the planes at Sydney.

Their romance began three years ago. They met on board ship when Flight-Sergeant Dixon was on his way to England from Egypt.

When he stepped from the bomber at Sydney he put the ring on Miss Schweitzer's finger and announced their engagement.

The No. 2 bomber in which Flight-Sergeant Dixon flew was forced down at Kooeping, in the Island of Timor, after covering about 6,700 miles. It beat the old record by 300 miles.

Tears moistened the healthy glow of her cheeks as she stood in the dock at Marylebone police court recently and heard recounted the story of her Jekyll and Hyde existence.

"At Wickford," said a police officer in the witness-box, "she is known for her devotion to her three children, aged 10 years, six years and three months."

"The local police describe her as a hard-working, capable wife and mother."

"Her husband is a builder's labourer."

"In the West End," went on the voice from the witness-box, "the London police know her as a persistent pickpocket operating there."

"She has five previous convictions for larceny from persons and six others for being a suspected person found loitering."

"Her last conviction was for stealing a notecase from a person in October, 1936. She was sent to prison for six months and released in August last year."

Other evidence showed that, as a result of numerous complaints, two Scotland Yard officers, Detective-Inspector Dance and Detective-Sergeant Vesey, were on special watch in a police car in Oxford Street.

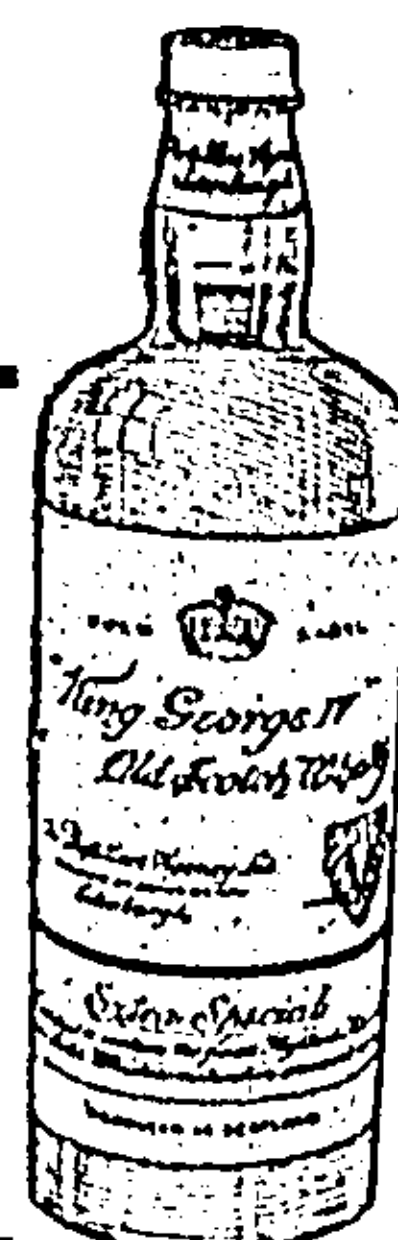
They saw Mrs. White at bus stopping places, saw her put her hand into the handbags of two women.

When she was searched a notecase was found in the lining of her fur coat. She said it was hers.



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Peering Into the Future

VIGNETTES OF LIFE

By J. NORMAN LYND



ABOUT JANUARY 31ST WE WILL SEE THE GOOD RESOLUTIONS BEING BROKEN ONE BY ONE.



IN JULY AND AUGUST WE ANTICIPATE A BOOM IN THE SUNBURN LOTION BUSINESS—SOME PEOPLE NEVER LEARN.

WE HAVE LOOKED INTO THE CRYSTAL BALL BUT CAN'T MAKE ANY PROPHECY ABOUT WOMEN'S HATS—MERCIFULLY, THE FUTURE IS HIDDEN

IN MAY WE'LL FALL ONCE MORE FOR THE IDEA THAT WE CAN MAKE FLOWERS GROW FOR US.

IN DECEMBER, WE WILL BE AMAZED AT THE FLIGHT OF TIME... IT WILL SEEM IMPOSSIBLE THAT CHRISTMAS WILL BE ON US ONCE MORE.

OCTOBER WILL BE THE MONTH TO START LOOKING FORWARD TO A HARD WINTER.

J. NORMAN LYND.

Life Begins at 8:01

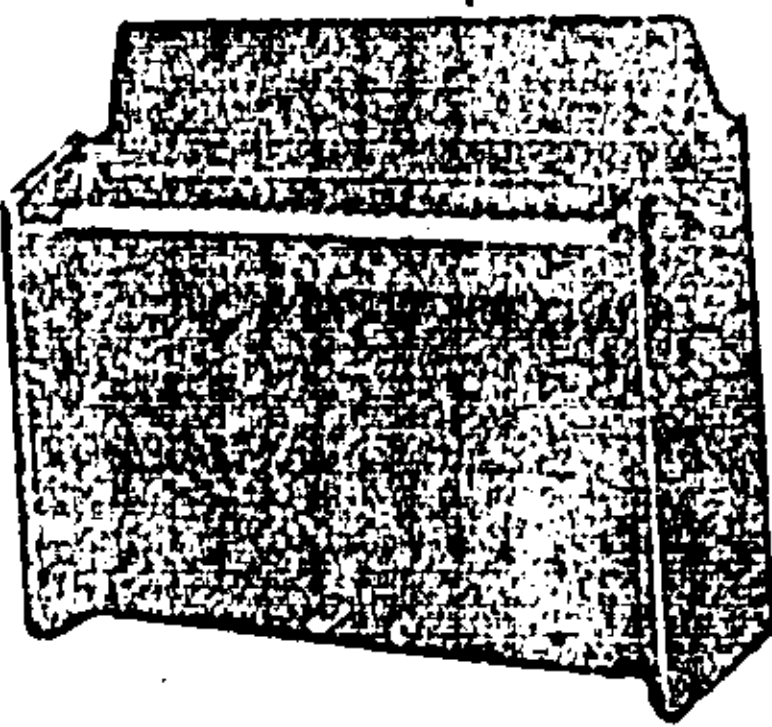


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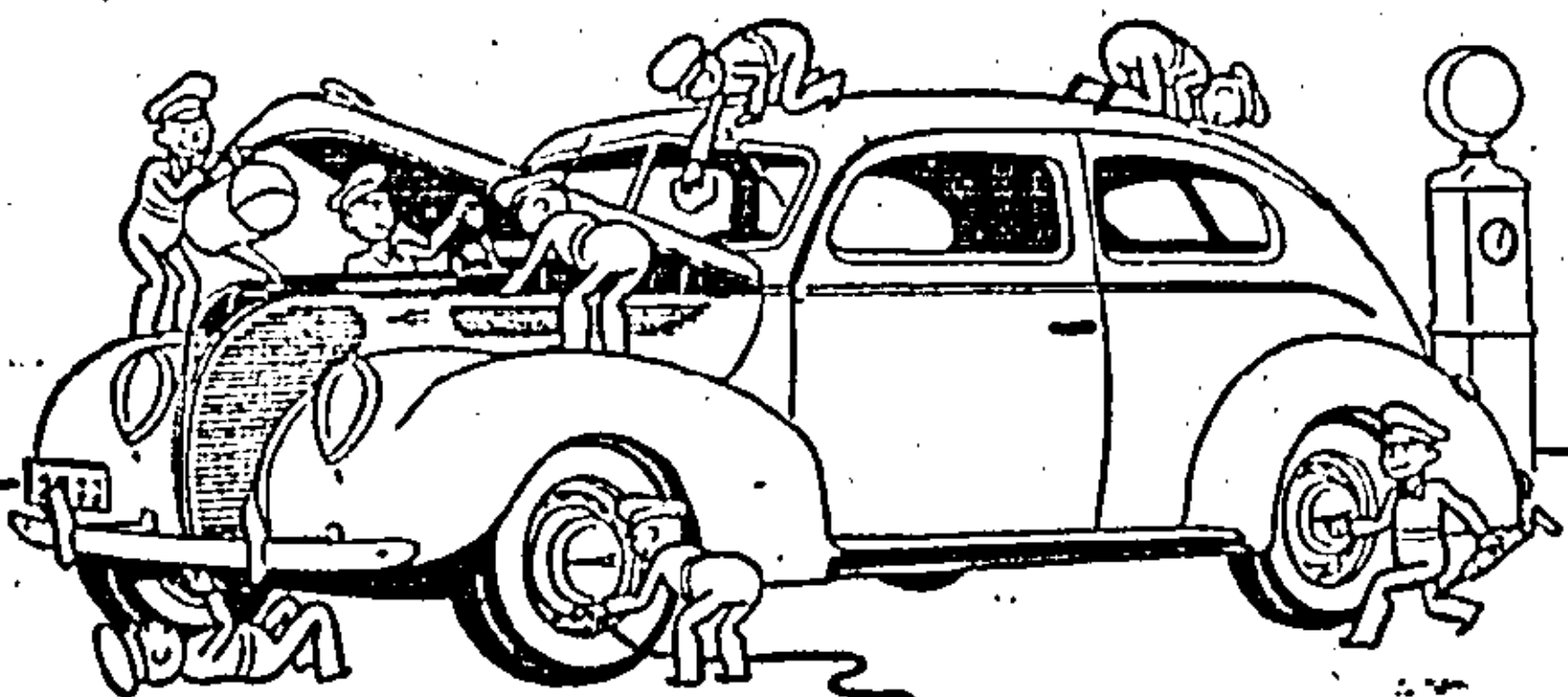
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Indifference

TWO BRITISH SHIPS engaged in legitimate trade with Spain are bombed and sunk in as many days.

So frequent have these incidents become that we take these bombings now as a matter of course. Attacks on merchantmen cease to be news.

Bombing of British ships in Spanish waters is a reason why Franco should not, under any circumstances, be granted belligerent rights. They would simply mean that he could extend his operations against British ships to the High Seas.

The Old and the New

NOW COMES the annual sorting out of friends. Telephone numbers and addresses are being transferred from the old diary into the new one for 1939.

It is a laborious business that often results in an evening of reminiscence.

Some of those numbers so frequently referred to at the beginning of the year are now no longer of any use and are left out of the 1939 list.

Those at the bottom of 1938's list are certain to go into next year's.

And the old diary? Those who are sentimental will tuck it away in a drawer with its fore-runners of other years.

Those for whom a diary is merely a convenience will, if discreet, destroy it.

A Happy New Year

AND NOW for the New Year. New resolutions to make, new hopes that, we trust, will not be shattered.

We are going to be optimistic about 1939. We believe that peace is coming soon to our unhappy neighbour, that Europe is on the verge of brighter days, that Hongkong will be able to return to normal and get down to business.

In fact, we believe in talking and acting optimistically about 1939. The signs may not augur well, but ignore them. If everyone does the same, it will be a happier year than 1938.

Convinced that 1939, which leaves the womb of the future in a few hours to begin its journey to the grave of the past, will be a year in which pessimists will be confounded, the "Hongkong Telegraph" wishes you all a happy New Year.

LOOKING BACK ON THE FUTURE

The
Editor

would like, a year
hence, to

write
this
review of
1939.

IT was a grand year for everybody except: warmongers, pessimists, the man who foretold the end of the world for July 8, 1939.

burglars, rent racketeers, etc., and sundry other enemies of society. The best thing about 1939 was PEACE—peace in China, peace in Europe.

As a result, there was more money to spend on the things in life that really count. Instead of a £10,000,000 battleship, Britain bought ten £1,000,000 hospitals.

Peace in China ended distress in the Far East—the refugees vanished, back to their farms and their beloved soil.

Poverty was not so evident this Christmas. There were not those haunting eyes of destitute women and children, of starving people who sought sanctuary in our Colony as guns roared and bombs dropped on their homes in China.

A Promise

Carried Out

(It has been a grand year. My wife and I are gloriously happy in our new flat; the baby took his first steps yesterday—It's good to be alive!)

All children somehow look happier this year-end. The Chinese youngsters at last have their King George V memorial playgrounds, and the Government has promised to find others for them.

The work of tackling Hongkong's slums is also well in hand. There's still lots of work to be done in Wanchai and the thickly packed central areas, but the good work is in full swing.

Fresh air is smashing the terrible mortality rate in tuberculosis.

Our streets, too, are cleaner, our traffic well-ordered. The Anti-Spitting campaign in June and the Safety First campaign in September have saved countless lives.

Dr. Selwyn Clarke actually smiles. The Government has found money for his clinics, his new wards and his campaigns for health.

His campaigns for inoculation and vaccination have broken the scourge of small-pox and cholera. The Colony has been singularly free of contagious diseases.

(I've just been doing a little mental arithmetic. We should be able to afford a new car in April!)

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HONGKONG SHARES IN PROSPERITY WAVE BROUGHT BY PEACE

Japan, China Join New European Alignment Against Future Wars

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FIRST EDITION

Government Declare War On Disease

vice to the East Indies via Manila, C.N.A.C. and Eurasia have almost made Hankow, Yunnanfu, Shanghai and other distant centres in China suburbs of Hongkong. Airways have proved much more popular in 1939 with the big reductions in fares.

Democracy

Comes To Hongkong

Government has considerably lessened the work of the traffic police by the new regulations which prevent jay-walking, and those which force cyclists to keep to the left hand side of the road.

The new road to Clearwater Bay has proved a boon. Hundreds of summer houses are under construction on the beautiful hills in this healthy area. The new road from Shing Mun Valley has also opened up an entirely new area to the people.

In three months' time, Hongkong will have a democratic form of Government. The unofficial members will be elected on a rate-payers franchise—Municipal Government is just around the corner.

The Report last March by the Taxation Commission, which was asked to recommend new forms of taxation, has been pigeon-holed. New taxation proved unnecessary.

There has been a noticeable improvement in the type of entertainment offered at cinema houses.

ZBW provided excellent programmes all the year round—well-balanced, meaty entertainment that made you want to sit at home beside your fire instead of wandering out to the club or hotels.

The women finally abandoned those ridiculous hats they used to wear in 1938.

Sport Comes

Into Its Own

Government has recognised Sport as vital to the health of a community, and since early in the year has encouraged more and more people to come down from the grand stands into the arenas. Athletics have been encouraged, especially among school-children and the Chinese. (I have developed my physique to such perfection that I am known as "The Tarzan of the Telegraph.")

Hongkong has experienced a boom year. The re-opening of the Pearl River, rail communication right through to Calais, and new highways linking us with Kwangsi, Yunnan, Kweichow,

(Strange how you can be mistaken about people. Several whom I thought were club bones have proved quite tolerable sorts of claps.)

Speaking of the air reminds us of the enormous strides made in aviation this year. Kai Tak has become one of the world's busiest airports, with services radiating in all directions. Great air hotels land their Hongkong passengers in London in two and a half days and you can reach Japan in 24 hours. By way of variety it's now possible to fly to Europe via America and Canada, or to Australia via Honolulu and New Zealand. The Dutch people have started a ser-

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"I don't see how I could be overdrawn! Are you sure you haven't embezzled it?"

3 Years For Chloroform Attack On Matron

A CHLOROFORM attack on the assistant matron of Halifax Royal Infirmary while she lay in bed was described at Leeds Assizes recently.

Herbert Reginald Sharp (31), warehouseman, of Paradise Street, Halifax, was sentenced to three years' penal servitude for attempting to murder her by administering poison and by strangulation, to 18 months' hard labour for robbery with violence and to three months for housebreaking—the sentences to run concurrently.

LIFE SAVED BY OXYGEN

Mr. Ralph Cleworth, prosecuting, said Miss Emily Kinch, the assistant matron, woke up and saw a dark form near her bed. He jumped on to the bed, put one hand over her mouth and with the other gripped her throat.

She probably owed her life to the fact that she was able to put up any struggle at all.

But for the fact that she received immediate attention and was given oxygen, it was practically certain that she would have died.

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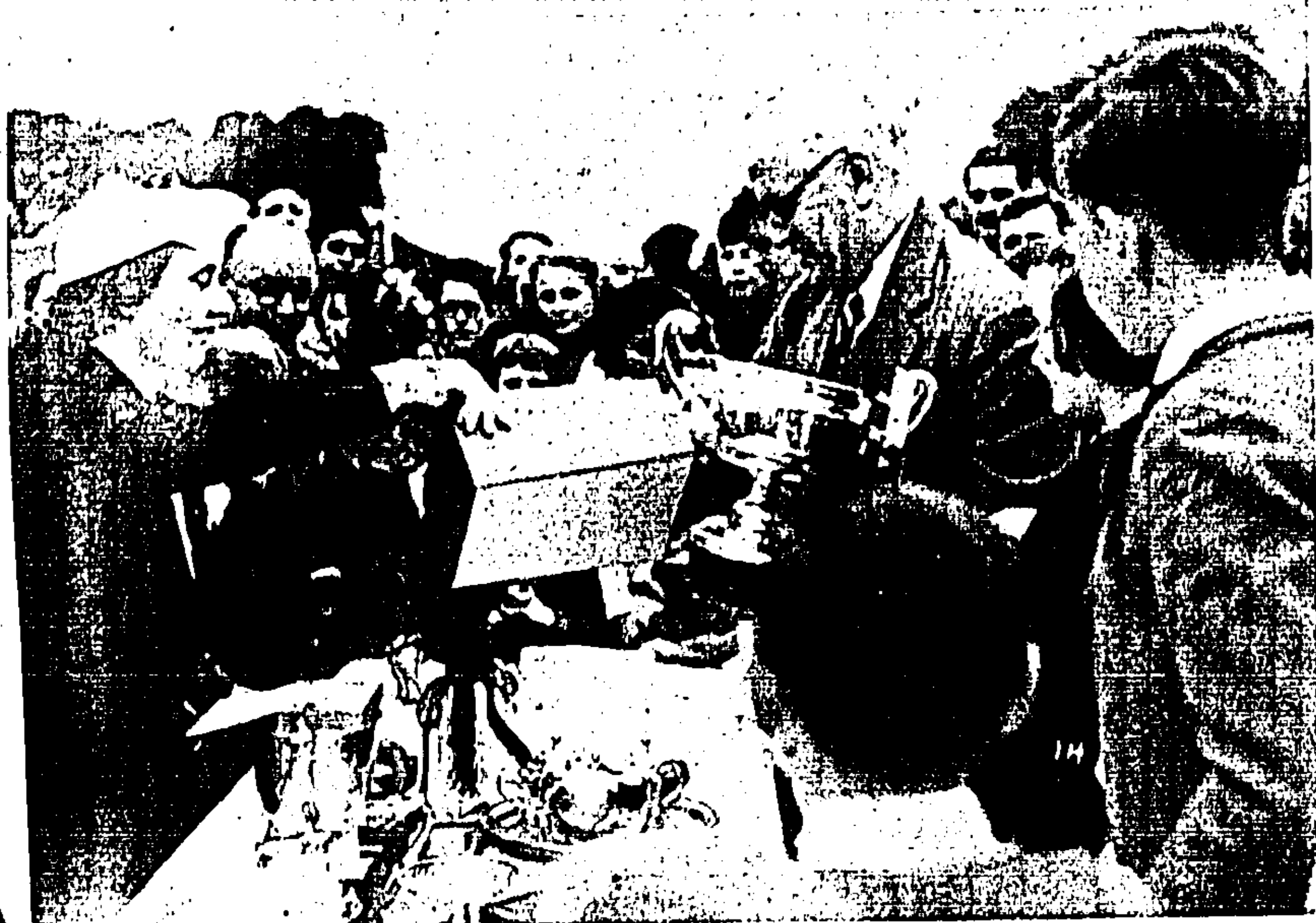
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Recent Hongkong Events Illustrated



PRIZE-GIVING. Mrs. R. M. Henderson is seen above presenting the Championship Cup to Mr. J. Deakin at the Hongkong Civil Service Club recently.—
Ming Yuen.



FAREWELL PARTY. Mr. F. D. Tracy, manager of the Standard-Vacuum Oil Company, and Mrs. Tracy with members of the staff and friends at a recent farewell party held at the American Club.—
Ming Yuen.



CHRISTMAS PARTY. Group photograph taken recently at a party given by Mr. and Mrs. M. Beraha, at their residence, No. 287 Prince Edward Road, for their daughter, Perlita.—Ming Yuen.



SCHOOL STAFF. The staff of the Central British School and the Headmaster, Mr. W. L. Handyside, photographed recently.—Ming Yuen.

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BRIDAL PARTY. Mr. A. W. White and his bride, the former Miss Winifred A. Tyrrell, photographed with friends after their recent marriage.—Ming Yuen.

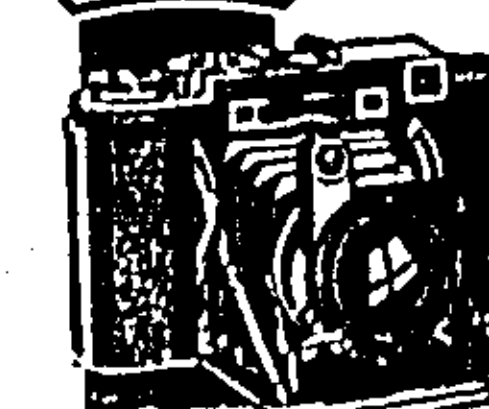


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The "Hongkong Telegraph" Brains Test

Answers on Page Three

1. Which of these are Government or public institutions:

Public Trustee; Royal Botanic Gardens; National Trust; Council for the Preservation of Rural England; Office of Works; Royal Fine Art Commission.

2. The population of the City of London is:

100,000 8,000,000
2,000,000 10,000
3,000,000 250,000

3. In what countries do they use these measures:

(a) Dirra (c) Palms
(b) Guz

4. (a) Hadrian's Wall and (b) Antonine's Wall ran between:
The Clyde and the Forth; Solway Firth and the Tyne; Preston and the Tees; the Mersey and the Humber; Chester and London; Chester and Hereford.

5. Tammany is:

State in U.S.A.; Association of gangsters; Old Bailey of New York; Political organisation in New York; Trade name for woollen fabrics.

6. Which of these London-Scottish trains run (a) by the east coast route, (b) by the west:

(1) The Coro- (4) The Queen
nation of Scots
(2) The Coro- (5) The Royal
nation Scot Highlander
(3) The High- (6) The Royal
landman Scot

7. Hitler has taken full citizen rights from German Jews. They were accorded first by:
Martin Luther; Charles Napier; Frederick the Great; Herr Brüning; William I.

8. What are the Five Great Lakes of Canada?

9. One of these first doubled the Case of Good Hope:

Bartolomeo Diaz; Vasco da Gama; Magellan; Sebastian Cabot.

10. Which singer immortalised:

(a) I Love a (c) Man Who
Lasse Broke the
(b) Tar-ra-a Bank a t
Boom de Ay Monte Carlo
(c) Honeysuckle and the Bee (f) My Old
Dutch
lings

11. The number of languages spoken in India is:

32 400
320 225

12. Hitler's Foreign Minister is:

Neurath Hess
Goering Ribbentrop

13. Rearrange in their chronological order these styles of furniture:

Hepplewhite Chippendale
Regency Queen-Anne
Sheraton

14. Supply the title of the head of these Oxford colleges:

(a) Exeter (d) Balliol
(b) Magdalen (c) Christ-church
(e) Oriel

15. The Coptic Church is: Christian; Mohammedan; Jewish; Buddhist.

16. What rank in the Army corresponds with squadron-leader in the R.A.F.?

17. Which of these are the New England States of the U.S.A.: Maine; Vermont; New Hampshire; Massachusetts; Pennsylvania; Rhode Island; Connecticut; Maryland.

18. A man who performs an autopsy:

Turns a somersault; back-wards; Conducts a post-mortem examination; Past life.

19. Where is the Bridge of Sighs?

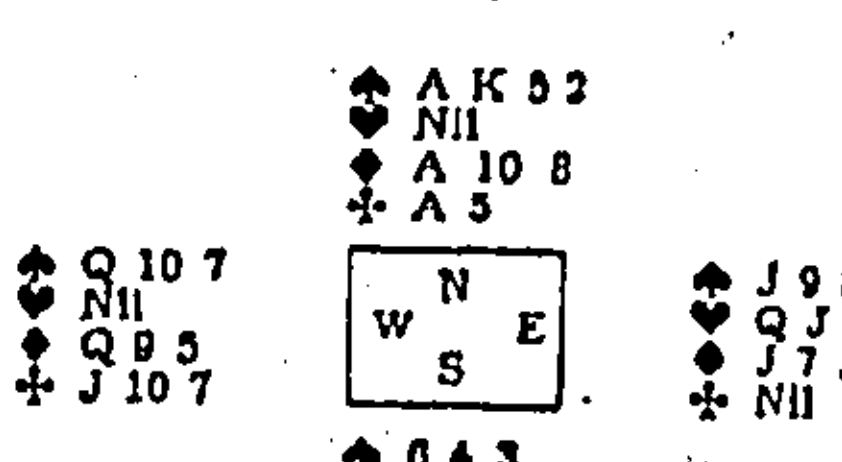
Rotterdam; Venice; Copenhagen; Milan.

20. Which of these books of the Bible contain only one chapter:

Titus; Philimon; Obadiah; Haggai.

BRIDGE PROBLEM

This Week's Problem
No. 90



Spades are trumps. South leads and North-South have to win eight of the nine tricks.

Solutions by first post Wednesday to "Bridge Problem," Hongkong Telegraph.

Solution of Problem No. 89

South wins with queen and 10 of diamonds. West discarding a club and North two hearts. South follows with club 10, and West wins with king and leads heart 5, which North wins with ace. North wins with spade queen, on which South plays the seven. North's spade 8 is then overtaken with South's 10, and spade 3 throws the lead to West, who is forced to lead his jack-8 of clubs to North's queen-9 for the last two tricks.

If, at trick three, West refuses to win South's club, the 10 is allowed to win North is put in with the heart and, the spades being played as before, North wins the last trick with his club queen. If, at trick three, West merely covers club 10 with jack, North wins; and similar end play enables North to win the last trick with his club 9.

Another variation of the defence permits of South giving East two diamond tricks, so that East's king-10 of hearts are led up to North's ace-jack for the final tricks.

This problem did not prove difficult, but, though the list of correct solvers is too long to publish, it was surprising to find knowledgeable players floundering among those few who were wrong.

INSPECTOR PLAYFAIR EPISODE 92

"A BRUTAL assault took place last night at Ilford, where a Mrs. Jones, of Magellan Avenue, was attacked from behind as she was returning to her house from a visit to a neighbour. She did not see her assailant, who struck her at the base of the skull with some heavy instrument knocking her unconscious, and decamped with her handbag containing about three pounds in cash. There is at present no clue to the assailant."

"The Chief Constable is determined to stamp out crimes of this character and has, we understand, already called in the help of Scotland Yard."

So ran a paragraph in the local *Messenger*.

"Actually, Dumbell," said Joshua Playfair, as he passed over the clipping to his subordinate, "I've a clue, and I think it might prove a helpful one."

"A man was seen by a night-watchman—a fellow named Parker—hurrying along Ilford Broadway at a smart pace soon after the crime was committed. Just after he passed Parker he took a handkerchief from his pocket and there fell to the ground—unnoticed by him—a piece of paper which proved, on examination, to be a ticket of admission to some lodging-houses in Lambeth."

"Parker (true to his name) took the trouble to pick this up and examine it, but by the time he'd found out what it was its owner was out of sight."

"But the ticket bears fingerprints?" said Dumbell.

"Unfortunately, no," answered Playfair, "—or, to be exact, it bears Parker's. But I've already made inquiries at the lodging-houses in question and have found that there are only two inmates whose movements can't be accounted for."

"And you've held an identification parade, sir?"

"I have, Parker was here this morning; but, unfortunately, the results of the parade were negative, and Parker, having selected someone who has no possible connection with the crime, went off with his tail between his legs."

"What happens next, then, sir?" asked Dumbell.

"Why, that's up to us. I've got my two suspects here and I'll have a look at them in a minute. I haven't told either of them what I want them for for reasons which will presently emerge. Both of them profess complete bewilderment at being summoned to the Yard at all."

Shortly afterwards the two men were brought up to Playfair's room. Both were of unprepossessing appearance. Either, thought the Inspector as he surveyed them, might well have been capable not only of robbery with violence but even of more serious crimes. Both had criminal histories, and their finger-prints were already at the Yard.

"I want you two men," he said, "to listen carefully to what I'm going to say."

"A woman was knocked down and robbed last night in circumstances of exceptional brutality. Have you, Martin, or you, Stevens, anything to say?"

"No, guv'nor," answered Martin and Stevens almost simultaneously.

"None the less," answered Playfair, "I'll say quite frankly

that I believe one or other of you to be guilty. Whoever is not guilty has nothing to fear from me. I propose, therefore, to ask both of you to co-operate with me by undergoing a 'reaction-time' test. Does either of you know what that is?"

"No, sir," answered Martin.

"Nor me," said Stevens. "If it's one of those things with some fancy piece of machinery, I ought to explain as how I've got a weak heart."

Playfair smiled. "You're thinking of a 'lie-detector.' We haven't installed those, so far. A 'reaction-time' test can't possibly hurt you, Stevens—unless, of course, you die of a bad conscience, in which case I shan't hold myself responsible."

"This," he resumed, "is how the test works. I propose to read out to each of you in turn a list of 25 words. On hearing each word, you mention, as quickly as you can, the first word that comes into your head. Thus, if I say 'dog,' you might say 'cat' or 'collar.' Sergeant Dumbell here will note, with a stop-watch, what is called your 'reaction-time'—the time that is, that elapses between the word and your reply."

"Has either of you any objection to the test? No? Good. Then I think I'll have you, Martin, first." He rang a bell, and a constable promptly appeared. "Take Stevens outside until I'm ready for him."

There follows Playfair's list of 25 words, the replies of

Martin and Stevens, and their respective "reaction-times" in seconds.

"The idea, you see—I want you to understand the thing—

Robbery With

is that if you're an unduly long time in reacting to a word, there's presumably some reason for it. Also, of course, I'm entitled to draw conclusions from the replies that are made by you.

MARTIN	STEVENS
(1) night day 8	dark 14
(2) Scotland Yard 8	Yard 12
(3) horse east 8	pony 10
(4) man woman 8	woman 12
(5) Dorking town 14	fowl 38
(6) London brdg 10	houses 34
(7) handbag purse 12	leather 23
(8) child play 14	toys 20
(9) hurry speed 18	motor-car 30
(10) water thirst 12	bread 24
(11) clock time 8	hour 32
(12) happy joy 24	(none) 33
(13) black white 8	night 10
(14) beer pint 10	drink 14
(15) school lessons 20	teachers 18
(16) Guildford	hills 26
(17) cow milk 14	bull 10
(18) day night 10	night 12
(19) pencil paper 12	blacklead 22
(20) station train 10	police 14
(21) robbery prison 10	stealing 22
(22) play actor 10	game 16
(23) Epping Forest 8	Forest 10
(24) Street road 10	corner 14
(25) beef dinner 12	ent 20

WHEN it was over, Playfair surveyed the results with complacency. "Interesting, eh, Dumbell?" he said.

"I don't see what you can get from it, sir," answered Dumbell, "except, of course, that Stevens is much slower in the uptake than Martin; and that we could have guessed, don't you think, sir?"

Playfair smiled. "This test," he said, "won't help me to convict anyone, but I'm fairly certain now that I know who committed that crime."

WHO IS THE CRIMINAL, AND WHY?

Solution on Page Three

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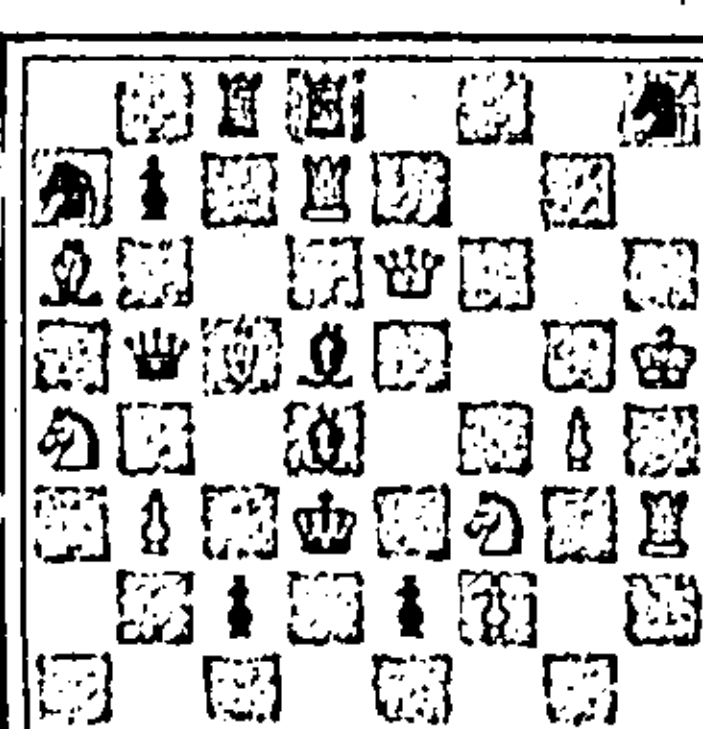
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CHESS PROBLEMS

Nos. 69-70

Problem No. 69

Black 11 Pieces

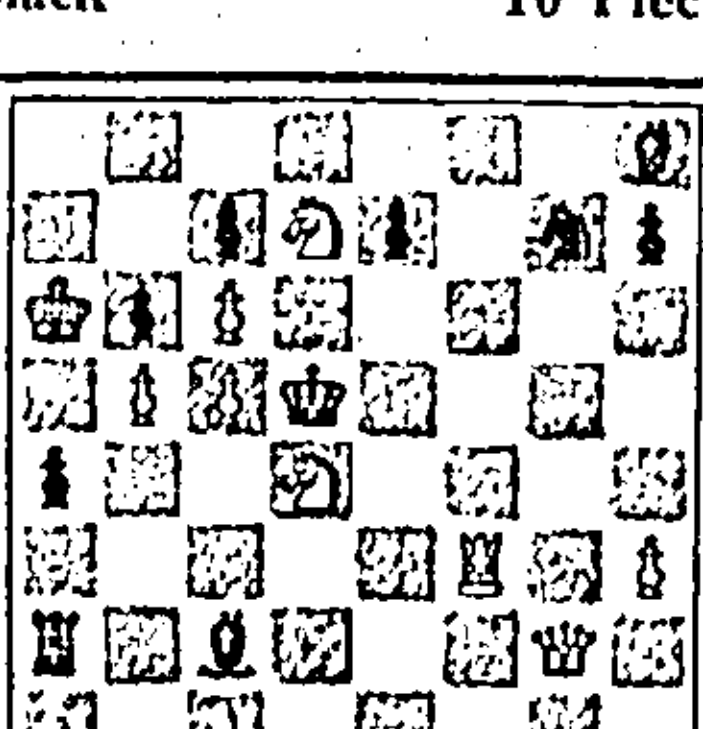


White 11 Pieces

White to play and mate in two.

Problem No. 70

Black 10 Pieces



White 9 Pieces

White to play and mate in three.

SOLUTIONS TO LAST WEEK'S PROBLEMS

Problems 67-68

1. Q-K1
2. B-R1ch
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PUZZLE CORNER

Cryptogram

This contains no hints regarding cryptograms:

XYZQLJQXKIJ XNZO-PR-QZ JSILZ TSLX ASBK RNB-PRQZ CRBRZ QZELZ QX VRYNFQZ, CRJLZ AQBLLZ XYRZB.

Ten Hidden Fruits

The names of 10 fruits are hidden in the square below. All these names may be read horizontally and vertically—never diagonally:

D A A P P L U
C M S T E E M
U R O R A C E
G R N O W H E
O A N T B E R
O S P E A R Y
S E B E R R Y

Letter Changing

Now for a trip to the movies. Following the usual rules, try changing FILMS to STARS in 11 moves.

How Much?

A man has \$3220 in 2 banks. The amount in one bank exceeds the amount in the other by \$540. How much has he in each bank?

Are These Within Your SCOPE?

Try mating up these "SCOPE" words as indicated by the example checked:

1. hitherto	for measuring out
2. thermopane	action play-makes
3. hitherto	on optical ray
4. hitherto	for determining
5. hitherto	weather glass
6. hitherto	to close up
7. hitherto	for example
8. hitherto	for measuring
9. hitherto	from in above mill
10. hitherto	temperature index

(Answers Appear on Page 3)

MOVIEDOM GOSSIP

Donat's Next Picture

ROBERT DONAT, who has been in America on holiday, recently returned to London to begin work on James Hilton's best-seller, "Good-bye, Mr. Chips."

So "Juarez" will have to be changed again.

Madeleine Carroll was offered the feminine lead, but turned it down because financially it would not be a very sound proposition.

If she should play in England, she would automatically receive a residence and be liable to 40 per cent. taxes on her earnings during her two years in Hollywood.

Studio Generosity

ERROL FLYNN has just been given a new contract.

Most Hollywood contracts, even with the bigger stars, provide for a six to twelve-week lay-off—without salary—each year. Errol's new deal provides for a four-figure salary, 52 weeks in the year, and a three-month vacation each year!

Unfounded Rumour?

BETTE DAVIS and her sister have retreated to a ranch in Nevada, which leads everyone to believe that Bette and her husband, Harmon Nelson, have reached a parting of the ways. Bette declares, however, that there is no truth in this report; that Harmon has merely gone on a business trip to New York, and that she is taking a much-needed rest.

Importance of Titles

WARNERS have changed the title of the picture about Mexico's Emperor Maximilian, Empress Carlotta and Juarez, in which Paul Muni and Bette Davis will play the latter roles. First it was "Maximilian and Carlotta," then "The Phantom Crown," and now they refer to it as "Juarez."

But Warners' actual business on "Tovarich" people couldn't produce the title, and M.G.M. lost on the recent Garbo picture, "Marie Walewska."

So "Juarez" will have to be changed again.

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Going Gay

BOTH Joan Crawford and Franchot Tone are stepping out since their separation. Joan misses hard y a night at some gay spot. Cesar Romero has been her most constant escort, and they are the centre of attention when they get up to dance, and nobody can resist watching them go through the strange new steps of the Lambeth Walk and the Big Apple.

As for Franchot, the red-headed girl with whom he has been seen is not known in film circles. He has been stepping out more than he used to in his wedded days.

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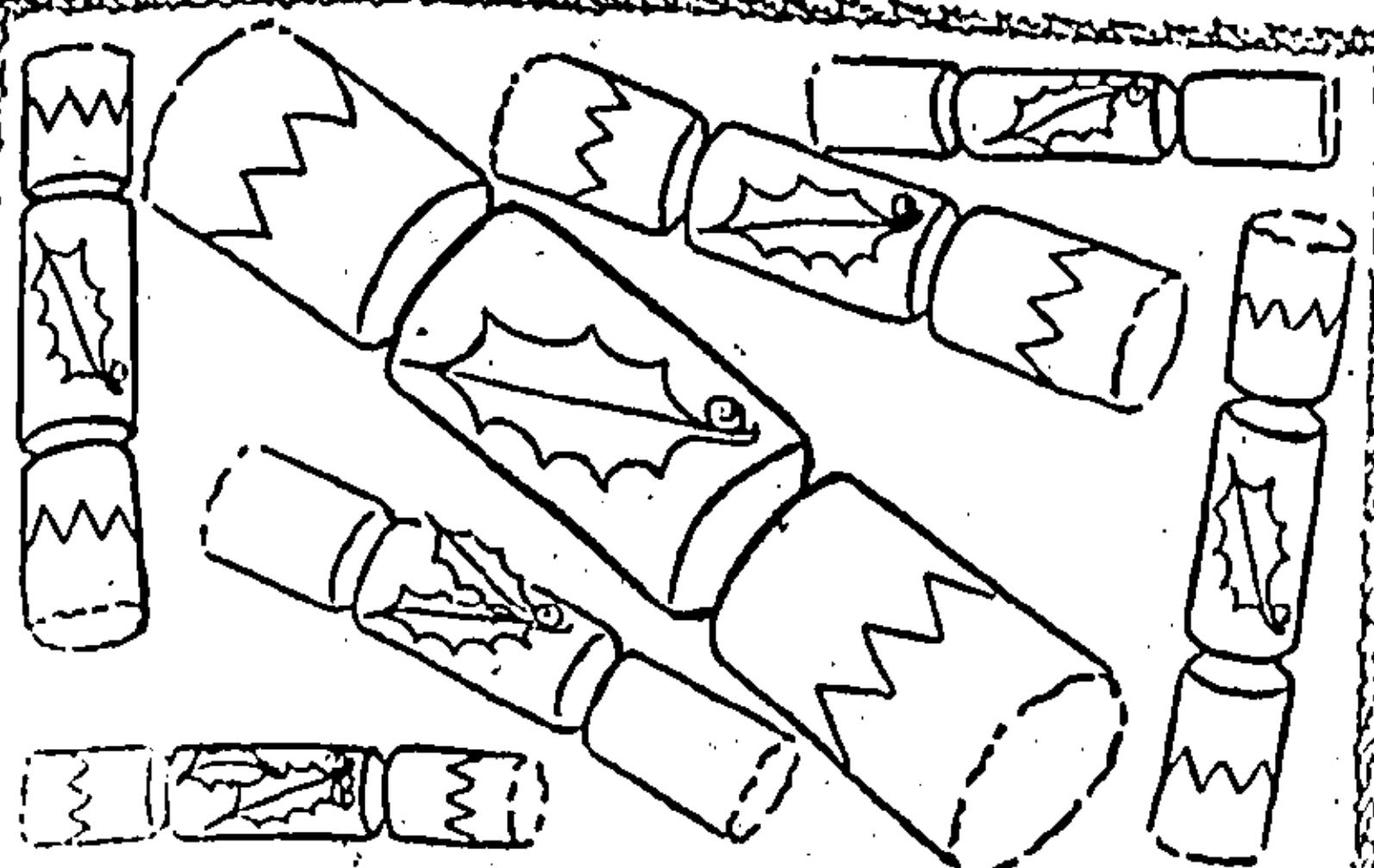
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BEAUTY PARLOR

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Girls' and Boys' Corner



The entry is NAME _____ AGE _____
Address _____

Dear Editor,

The Pantomime puzzle proved a little too difficult for some of you. The characters were Red Riding Hood, Dick Whittington, Puss-in-boots, Cinderella and Aladdin, whilst the hidden people were the panto-master, the cat, king, prince and magician.

The prize winners this week are:—
Ho Shuk-chun (aged 14), 110, Robinson Road.

David Ashe (aged 7), St. Stephen's College, Stanley.

Judy Price (aged 6), Cathay Hotel, 810, King's Road.

Coupons are being sent to Ho Shuk-chun, David and Judy which I want them to bring to the "Hongkong

LIVES SAVED BY PRISONERS

THREE close relatives of men serving sentences in Lewes Prison were taken ill and reported by the hospital authorities as likely to die.

They recovered after the prisoners had been allowed to visit them.

In each case the recovery was attributed at the hospital to the prisoner's visit.

This is told by the Governor of Lewes Prison in the report of the Prison Commissioners.

"Telegraph" offices in Wyndham Street. The coupons will then be exchanged for money prizes.

Specialists commended for excellent work are the following:—

Seniors: Mary Grace Ashe, Oleg Julebin, Paul Vessocna, George Hudson, Percy Gardner, Ho Man-chun.

Intermediates: Teresa Marcal, Anthony Cuthbert, Wahid Mohal.

Juniors: Roy and Sylvia Remedios.

I want to thank Stella dos Ramos, Young Kit-wa and S. S. Bax for their cards and greetings.

Stella dos Ramos: Unfortunately, as you are too old for these competitions your entry had to be left out.

This week, kiddies, we are having a simple colouring competition. Examine carefully the picture above and colour only the crackers, whether large or small, which are exactly alike in design. Leave the others white and untouched. You may use any colours and design you wish, but remember that only the crackers which are alike, except for size, are to be finished.

Fill in the name, age and address coupon and send your entry to Uncle Eddie, c/o "Hongkong Telegraph", Wyndham Street, before 2 p.m. on Wednesday. Three prizes will again be awarded.

Uncle Eddie

BOOKS edited by ROGER PIPPETT

Margaret knocks the gentry

AN American has been among us taking notes, and, faith, she's printed them, in *With Malice Toward Some*, by Margaret Halsey (Hamish Hamilton, 7s. 6d.). Her book will make a good many English people as mad as hatters. But it has lightened these days for me.

The author is the wife of a young lecturer who spent a year over here on an exchange professorship. Most of the time they lived in a village near Exeter, though they got about the country quite a lot and enjoyed two short holidays abroad.

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When Mrs. Halsey got down to the West, she found her feet—and her pen. She liked the formality, which "have not only an air of having pushed their way up through the mud, but also of being quite ready to push their way back down again." And she liked the foaming gardens. But the Gentry!

She was staggered at the table-talk of the Gentry. "Listening to Britons dining out is like watching people play first-class tennis with imaginary balls." And most of the women she met seemed to have exhausted their strength in the "debilitating effort to be English Ladies."

But the phenomenon that enraged Mrs. Halsey most was the English Gentleman. "Englishmen, from what I can see, do not talk to women if they can possibly avoid it—and, if they must talk to them, they keep the conversation inexorably down to their level of feminine understanding. And Englishwomen—even the brainy ones, apparently—meekly concur."

Whatever the rest of the world thinks of the English gentleman, the English lady regards him apprehensively as something between God and a goat, and equally formidable on both scores.

Fortunately for the author's sanity, however, there are plenty of Ordinary Men and Women still about. The Ungentry, she christened them. People who plough the fields and scatter. People who work hard to keep the Gentry upright in a boring world. People like Phyllis, who was Mrs. Halsey's cook and house-keeper and general guardian angel.

"Phyllis cooks so well that sometimes it is hard to believe we are living in England," Phyllis, in fact, was a paragon. In her blushing, innocent way, I fancy she opened Mrs. Halsey's eyes to the true nature of our country-side. So that our American is soon saying pertinent things about the double standards of the hunters and the workers, the rich and the poor.

Yes, Phyllis saved the day. Mrs. Halsey settled down cosily and began to enjoy herself. Stirring her third cup of tea one wintry afternoon, she even admitted to her diary that though a good deal in England might make her blood boil, "there is not nearly so much occasion as there is in America for blood to run cold."

With *Malice Toward Some* is as witty and as tonic a performance as any visitor has staged for us for years. It has its rare lapses (the Gentry can thank their hunting crops that Mrs. Halsey is only human, after all). But it blows through our rural landscape like an awakening wind.

The book closes with a tremendous tribute to Phyllis and her kind. "Gentlemen, I give you the English Ungentry. The next time we come to this country, I hope Henry will get an exchange with a plumber."

And so do I.

R. P.

Are You Sure? Answers

QUESTIONS ON PAGE TWO

- Public Trustee; Royal Botanic Gardens; Office of Works, Royal Fine Art Commission.
- 10,000.
- (a) Egypt, (b) India, (c) Holland.
- (a) Solway Firth and Tyne, (b) Clyde and Forth.
- Organisation of Democrats in New York.
- (a) 1, 3 and 4; (b) 2, 5 and 6.
- Napoleon.
- Superior, Huron, Michigan, Erie, Ontario.
- Bartolomeo Diaz.
- (a) Harry Lauder, (b) Lottie Collins, (c) Ellaline Terriss, (d) Geraldine, (e) Charles Coburn, (f) Albert Chevalier.
- 225.
- Ribbentrop.
- Queen Anne, Chippendale, Hepplewhite, Sheraton, Regency.
- (a) Rector, (b) President, (c) Provost, (d) Master, (e) Dean.
- Christian.
- Major.
- Maine, New Hampshire, Connecticut, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island.
- Conducts a post-mortem examination.
- Venice.
- Obadiah, Philémon.

INSPECTOR PLAYFAIR (Solution)

Martin is the criminal, and the word which gave him away is Guildford. Playfair realised that Martin would try to be on the spot with answers to incriminating words. Martin was expecting "Hilford" and when he heard "Guildford," snapped out "Broadway" automatically before he could realise his mistake.

Puzzle Corner Answers

Cryptogram: Spray-dashed surf-board rider wins with out-board motor racer as popular modern water sport. Ten hidden fruits: Apple, plum, pear, peach, cherry, gooseberry, raspberry, strawberry, currant, damson. Letter Changing: Films, flea, pies, voice, doll, pool, poets, spots, spots, spars, stars.
How Much? \$1800, \$1800.
Are These Within Your Scope? Kaleidoscope—optical toy; thermoscope—temperature instrument; helioscope—for examining sun; hysteroscope—peeping in church wall; microscope—for magnifying; bioscope—motion picture machine; telescope—to close up; baroscope—weather glass; kuniscope—for measuring dust; galvanoscope—for detecting electricity.

MYSTERY

ALMOST anything might come out of a story of three men in love with one woman. Make one an ex-detective who is twice a convict, another an ex-detective turned private inquiry agent and the third a professionally righteous solicitor—and put the woman in danger of the gallows and you got a line on E. Baker Quinn's *The Dead Harm No One* (Heinemann, 7s. 6d.).

How these men tried to bluff the law to the limit is told with the sort of compelling violence that suits the theme. A pity that bitter ending had to be sweetened. All the same, a book you will remember more than most of its kind.

The Fatal Holiday (Longmans, 7s. 6d.), Delton Cobb's latest, is well told, credible and ingenious. But it has a fatal defect for those who like to see their murderer safely into the dock or out of the world. From one point of view there is in fact no murderer, though from another—But read it and see.

The obvious person to produce Death from a Top Hat (Collins, 7s. 6d.) is a magician—the modern, supernatural, music hall kind—and Clayton Rawson makes it so. Pay no attention to the patter and you may spot Mr. Rawson palming the murderer. Or you may not.

Neal Shepherd has hit on a new method of doing to death in *Death Files Low* (Constable, 7s. 6d.). The story is all about an aeroplane factory, and is full of neatly dovetailed technicalities.

As for E. L. Mann, his *The Chislehurst Mystery* (Cyre and Spottiswoode, 7s. 6d.) starts with digging in the back garden and ends in pursuing treasure under England by the aid of prehistoric landmarks. He challenges you to go and do something similar. F. E. H.

Third Time Lucky

VERA BRITAIN, who struck a very good thing when she decided to write her autobiography for us—it was *Testament of Youth*—now gives us "new chapters of autobiography" in *Thrills & Stranger* (Gollancz, 10s. 6d.).

These chapters are as racy, entertaining and honest as the earlier ones. She tells us of her early struggles, her marriage and of three visits to America.

Miss Britain is a great humanist. She thinks of everything in terms of people.

She spent two years in America altogether and visited thirty out of the forty-eight states. She first lived in the United States between 1925 and 1927, "when the era of golden swaggers seemed destined to endure for ever. I returned in 1934 to find long shadows of the great depression still lying over the land."

"More recently, in 1937, I went back to discover a national temperance which, in spite of the 'business recession,' seemed closer to sane normality than the costly influence of the first war or the retrospective apprehension of the second."

"One day in the late October of last year, as I wandered round the vivid, sun-drenched Campus of a Junior College in Dallas, Texas, reflecting upon these contrasts, the summer warmth of the South-West stirred my northern blood to excitement and I almost shouted to the sulphur-bued butterflies flitting lightly above the sunset canyons, 'There's a book in all this!'"

There you have the reason for this volume. When you have read it, you will be glad Miss Britain had that walk on the Campus.

A gently moving, actively alive, woman's book. M. T.

Quick Thinking Costs City

Pasadena, Cal. Motorcycle Officer Fred Lunt had presence for mind, but the city will pay for it. When his motorcycle buck-fired and started to burn, he grabbed a rug off the nearest porch and extinguished the blaze. The rug was damaged, and now the owner insists it is up to the city to pay.



FASTER PLANES

Chief Engineer Dillon, head of the research department of a large aeroplane factory, was the most valued man in the firm. But one day things began to go wrong...



Tomorrow will be a big day, Mr. Dillon—testing your new retractable undercarriage design—we are all looking for results. This company's just got to produce the fastest planes.



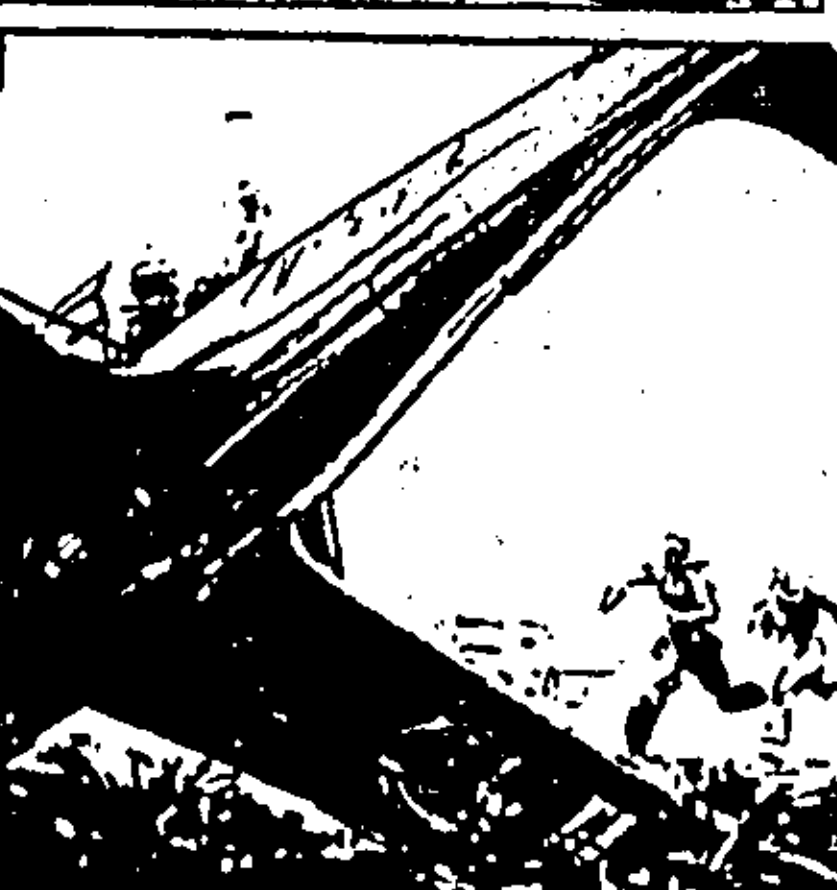
Testing tomorrow, dear, and I'm not too hopeful of results. I've not been working well recently, I've been so tired.



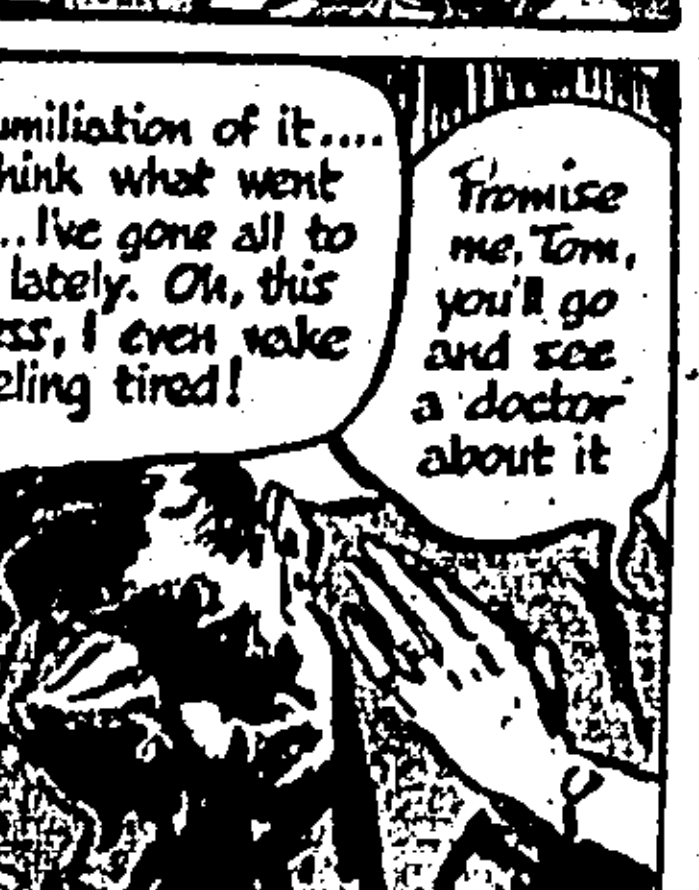
Don't worry, Tom. I'm sure it will be all right!



NEXT DAY—THE TEST



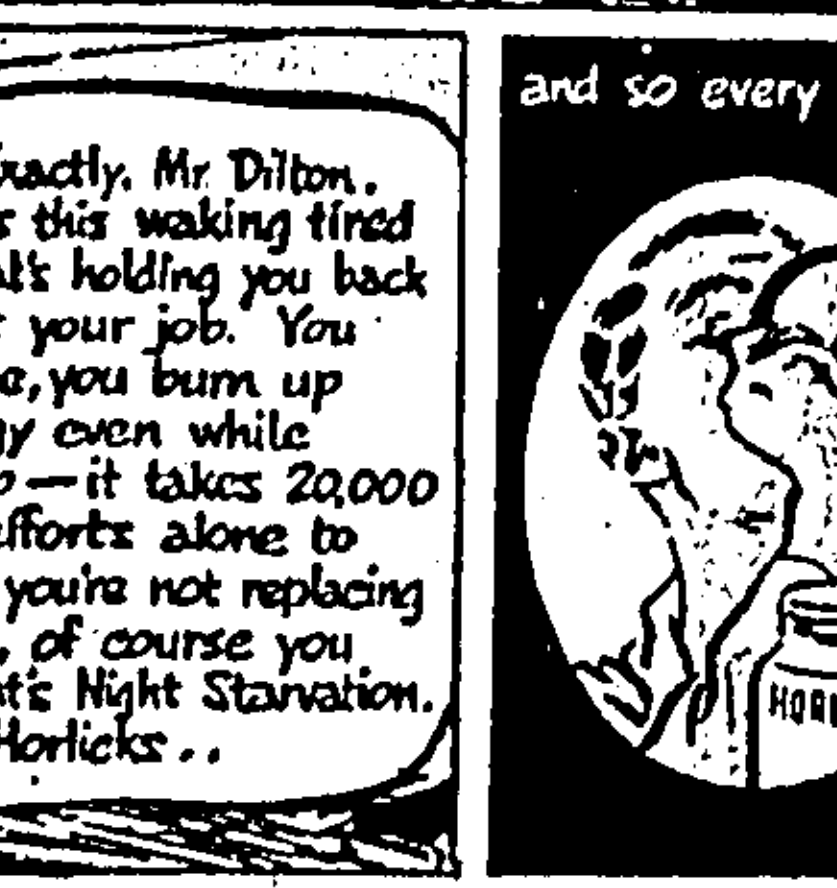
The humiliation of it... can't think what went wrong... I've gone all to pieces lately. Oh, this tiredness, I even wake up feeling tired!



Promise me, Tom, you'll go and see a doctor about it.



AT THE DOCTORS



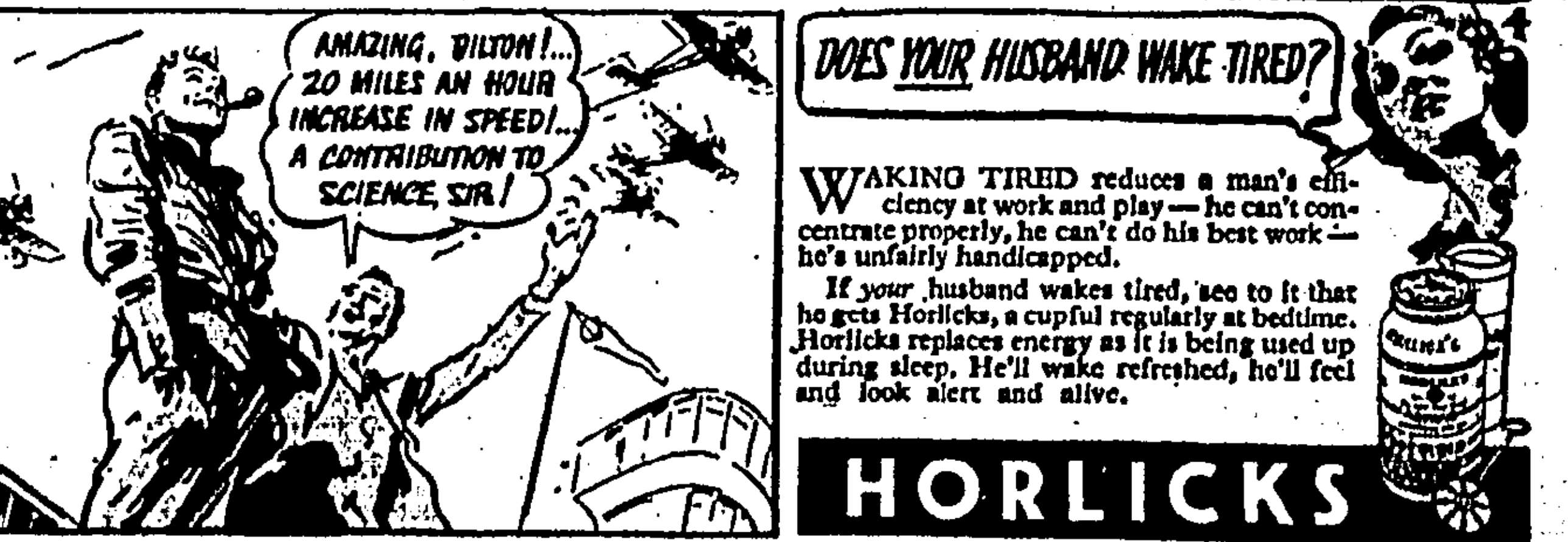
Exactly, Mr. Dillon. It's this waking tired that's holding you back at your job. You see, you burn up energy even while you sleep—it takes 20,000 muscular efforts alone to breathe. If you're not replacing used-up energy, of course you wake tired—that's Night Stomach. I suggest Horlicks...

and so every night:

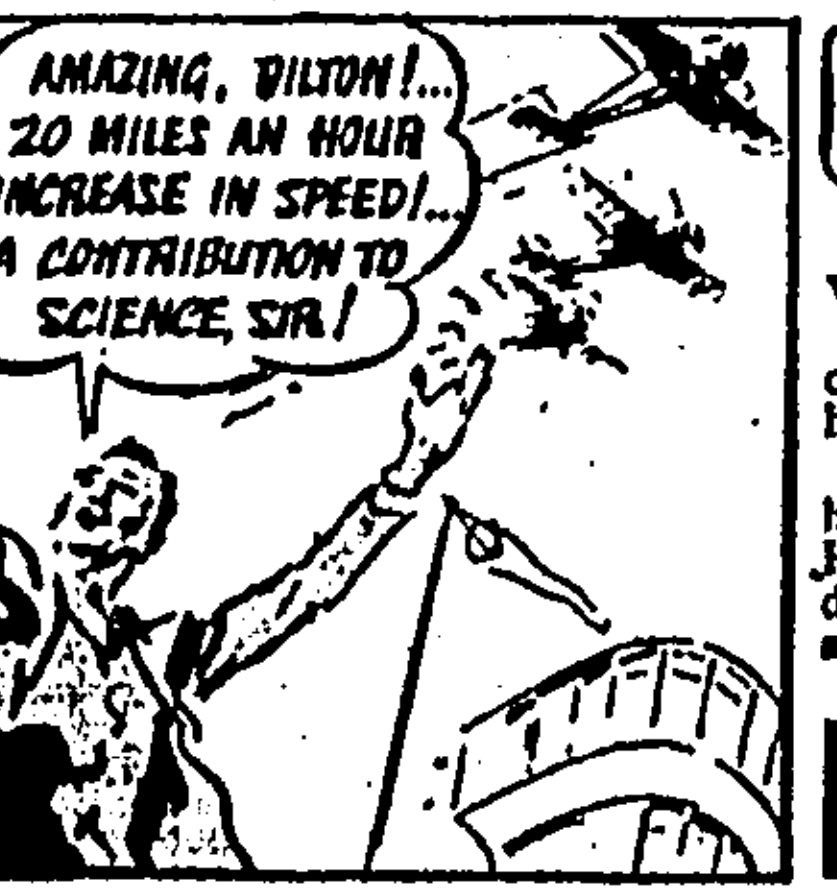


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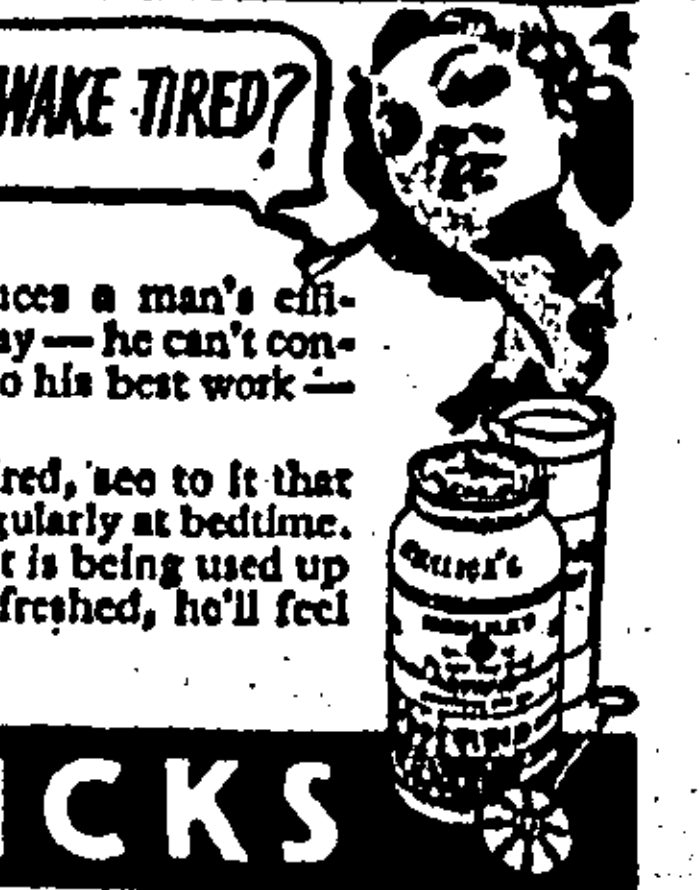
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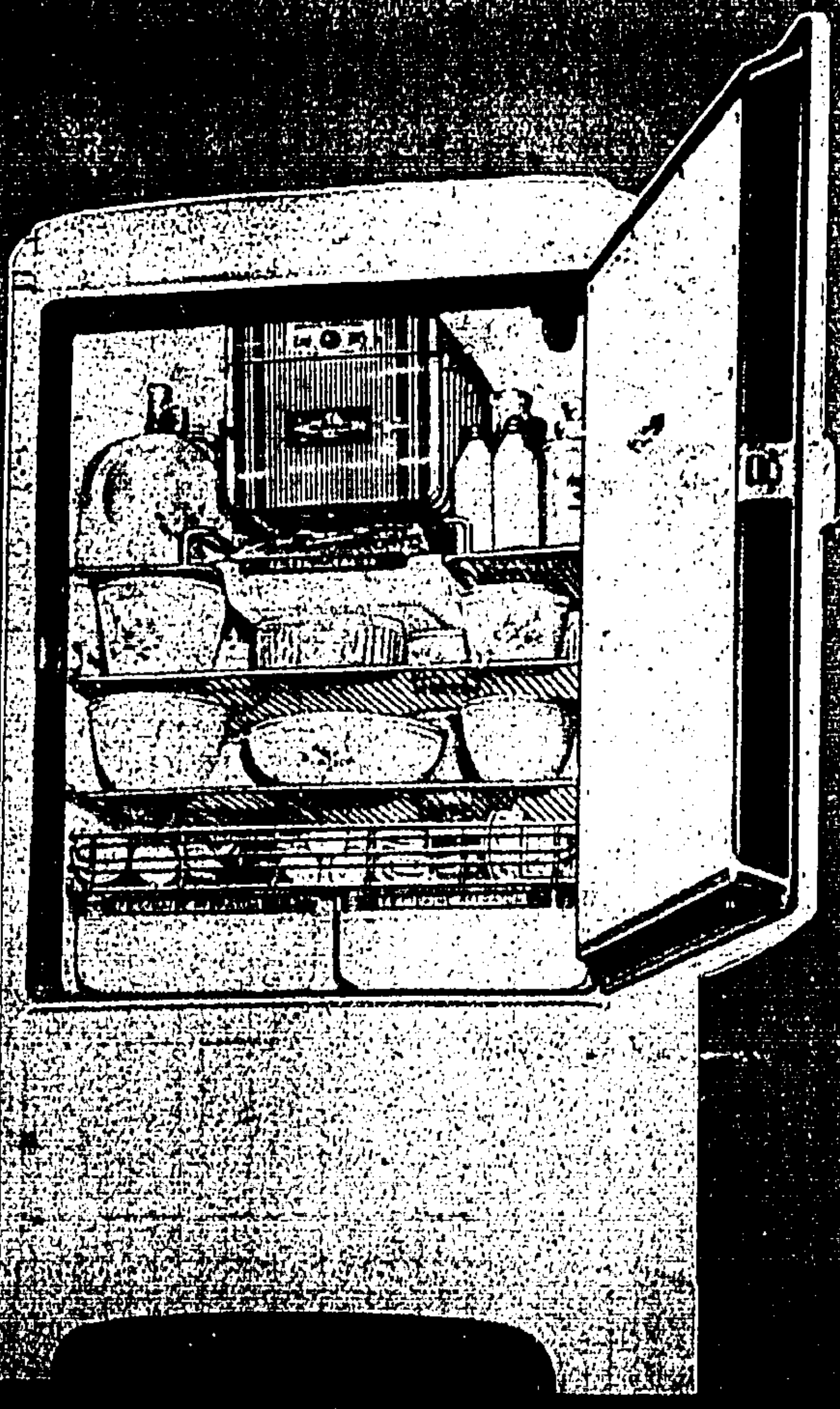


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Local Christmas Festivities In Pictures



CHRISTMAS PARTY. A section of the guests at the Christmas party held recently aboard H.M.S. Birmingham.—Staff Photographer.



AFTER THE MATCH. Group photograph taken following the Christmas Day football match between the Petty Officers of H.M.S. Tamar and H.M.S. Herald.—A. Hing.



CHRISTMAS FUN. Father Christmas and two friends who entertained the children at a Christmas party on board H.M.S. Birmingham.—Staff Photographer.

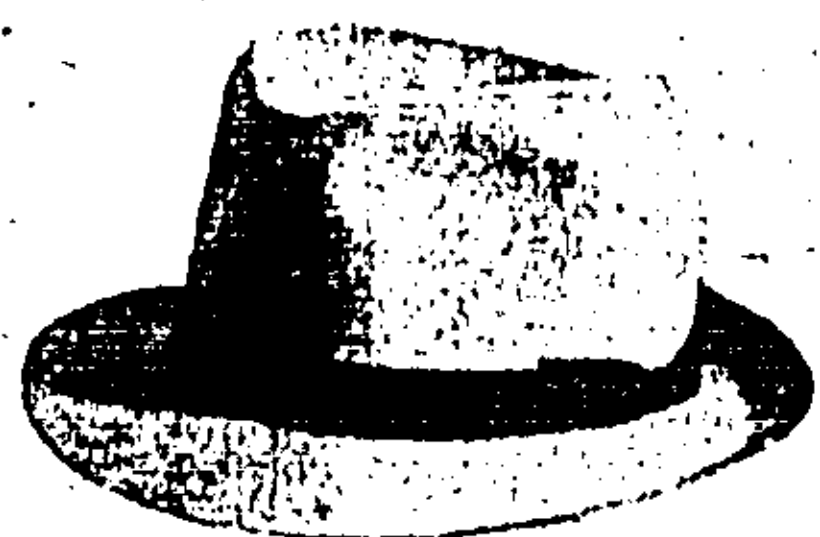


CHRISTMAS TREE. This little baby receives her first present from a Christmas tree at the H.K. Civil Service party.—Ming Yuen.

SINGAPORE WEDDING. Mr. W. Ancurin Jones, Assistant Crown Solicitor in Hongkong, and his bride, Mrs. E. M. Wiley, who were married recently in Singapore. Included in the above group are Mrs. G. W. Seabridge, wife of the Editor of the Straits Times, Capt. Hussey, film censor in Singapore, Mrs. Geoffrey Franks, the Rev. Stephen Band, the Hon. Mr. Justice A. K. a Beckett Terrell and Mr. Munro.



NEWLY-WEDS. Mr. and Mrs. William Hewitt leaving St. John's Cathedral after their recent marriage. The bride was formerly Miss Margaret M. M. McLay.—Ming Yuen.



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BIRTHDAY PARTY. Group photograph of friends of William John Sinclair, one-year-old son of Mrs. A. B. Sinclair, who gathered to celebrate his birthday.—Mee Cheung.

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WHAT WAS NEWS A CENTURY AGO

AT THE THRESHOLD of a new year, turn your eyes back to New Year's Day, 1839. It was a momentous year for Hongkong—the twelve months that began a century ago to-morrow.

What did world history scrawl over the pages of that New Year?

Here are some of the events of the twelve months beginning on January 1, 1839:

Hongkong and China.—Hongkong was still a Chinese island, inhabited by a few piratical fishermen.

But trouble was brewing—the trouble that was, a year later, to see this Colony ceded by China to Britain.

On March 10 Lin, the Chinese Imperial Commissioner in Canton, prohibited the importation of opium into China and seized British stocks. British and other residents were next day forbidden to leave Canton. British factories were pillaged and burnt on March 24.

Captain Elliot, who was to become Hongkong's first Administrator in the following year, led the British subjects from Canton to Macao on May 24.

HONGKONG CAPTURED

On August 23 Captain Elliot landed and captured Hongkong, at which is now called Possession Point. Our centenary dates, therefore, from this year, although the island did not become a British possession until 1841.

On the day after Elliot's landing in Hongkong, the British ship Black Joke was attacked by junks and the crew were murdered.

There was an affray, on September 4, between British sailors and Chinese soldiers at what is now Kowloon. On November 2, 28 Chinese armed junks gallantly attacked the British frigates H.M.S. Volage and Hyacinth. The Chinese were hopelessly outclassed by the "modern" British guns, and several junks were blown to pieces.

Nineteen days before Christmas Day, 1839, the Emperor of China issued an edict forbidding British subjects to ever trade with China again.

(Hongkong was ceded to Britain on January 20, 1842.)

RIOTS IN ENGLAND

At Home.—The year 1839 was notable at Home for Chartist riots—the movement for political reform in England. There were Chartist riots throughout the year in Wales and in England. The most serious were at Newport, where a Chartist mob, led by John Frost, started an uprising. The rebellion was a total failure and Frost and two others were sentenced, in December, to death. The sentence was commuted to transportation for life. Frost spent 14 years in Van Diemen's Land (later Tasmania) before he was pardoned and allowed to return to England.

The year 1839 opened at Home with a tragedy, when the naval cutter Diligence was wrecked in the Irish Channel on January 7 with the loss of 57 lives.

On May 2, the first immigrants left England in the ship Tory to found New Zealand, now a Dominion of nearly 2,000,000 inhabitants. There were great celebrations on June 18 when the railway was opened from Newcastle to North Shields and from Newcastle to South Shields and Sunderland.

PHOTO EXPERIMENTS

A Frenchman, M. St. Croix gave the first public demonstration of photography to an amazed audience on September 13. Earlier in the

LETTERS

NEWS OR PROPAGANDA

To The Editor, The Hongkong Telegraph.

Dear Sir,—To one who has returned to the Colony after an absence of 18 months, it is a matter of astonishment that so much space in the local papers is devoted to telegrams emanating from totalitarian sources. What makes such news or propaganda particularly insidious is the fact that the name of the news service at the end of the telegram instead of at the beginning. This often leads to the item of news being read by the public without mental reservation, and as "Reuters" service is so inadequate, such items of news, even if incorrect or exaggerated, often pass unchallenged. May I venture to suggest that you adopt the system prevalent in Europe and America of indicating the source of the news at the very beginning of the telegram. Your readers then would be made immediately aware of the source of the news and would tend to be more on their guard.

FELIX A. JOSEPH. The system prevalent in England is to indicate the source of news at the foot of an item. The Telegraph endeavours not to publish propaganda, and the majority of the messages from news sources with axes to grind find their way into the waste paper basket.

Answers to Correspondents
PHOOCY.—Phoocy to you. Your electric mullins cross your water mains.

J.M.D.—Search us. We don't know the answer ourselves. We put the problem to readers as one that has not yet been solved.

J.G.—We referred your letter to the Kowloon Motor Bus Company (without divulging your name). They inform us that they are enquiring into the matter and will take disciplinary action against the conductors to whom you refer.

New Year's Eve

Hotels And Clubs To Have Special Dances

Festivities of the season will be continued to-night, in celebration of the coming of the New Year. In this connection, various attractions have been arranged to take place in the more prominent hotels and clubs of the Colony.

At the Hongkong Hotel, Repulse Bay, and Peninsula Hotels, special New Year's Eve dinner dances will be held, with the popular Kyra, Roby and Harry Trio and the Gripps Glamourettes as entertainers.

The Gloucester Hotel has also made preparations for patrons, and a special dinner and dance will commence at 8 p.m. with Landhoff and Corv, sensational acrobatic music together with Queenie and David and their Hawaiian Troupe as the main attractions.

Dancing in these hotels will be extended to 3 a.m. in order to allow merry-makers to enjoy in full their New Year's Eve celebrations.

The Parlatan Grill and Cafe Windsor have also arranged for a special dinner dance on New Year's Eve and New Year's night. The former place will have as their main attraction the Blue Danube Trio, whose music has been much appreciated by Hongkong dancers.

Dance-halls in the Colony are also prepared to cope with huge crowds of merry-makers, and their licences have been extended to 3 a.m.

The Craigflower Cricket Club will be holding its annual President's Dance. The I.R.C. held their New Year's fancy dress ball last night, while the K.C.C. will celebrate with a special fancy dress ball this evening.

All churches in Hongkong will be holding watchnight services, which will commence at 11 o'clock, ending at midnight.

Cinemas have arranged for a complete change of programme to-day, and will show what they consider the best for such an occasion.

Marking the New Year

The time signal given by means of lights at 9 p.m. from the Royal Observatory, will be repeated at midnight on December 31, the termination of the programme, signifying the end of the year 1938.

Sports Items

In the field of sport, various games have been arranged to take place to-day. The Club will play the Navy in the Triangular Rugby Tournament at 4 p.m. at Happy Valley, and earlier in the afternoon, a game will be played between the Club "A" and the Army XV on the same ground.

In Kowloon, at King's Park, Mr. Andrew's will play against the Y.M.C.A. in a Brawn Cup hockey game at 2.45 p.m. At 3 o'clock a Fancy Dress hockey match will be played on the Y.M.C.A. ground.

Other games scheduled to take place to-day will be the Triangular Tourney Cricket match on the Hongkong Cricket Club ground, golf at Fanling, the final of the Army hockey at Sookunpo, the Sweepstakes races for yachts, the Football League matches on various club grounds, and the Overseas Postal shooting contest at the Stonecutters range.

On New Year's Day, the annual children's sports of the Kowloon Cricket Club and the Police Recreation Club will be held. Past students will play against present students in a cricket match on the University ground at Pokfulam; and the second round of the Senior Shield will see South China play against Eastern at Caroline Hill at 4 p.m.

DANCE AT SOOKUNPOO

The Indian Recreation Club in Sookunpoop opened its winter social season last night with a very enjoyable fancy dress dance which was attended by well over a hundred members and their guests.

In the course of the evening, prizes were given to those who displayed the most original fancy costumes, after which dancing continued, till the early hours of the morning.

At King's Park

Members of the European staff of the China Light and Power Company held a very enjoyable New Year's dance in the Clubhouse at King's Park last night.

The clubhouse was packed to capacity and the large number of guests who were invited thoroughly enjoyed the occasion which lasted until the early hours of the morning.

SANTA CLAUS AT SEA

Mr. E. Cock of Hongkong Plays Part

Apparently coming down the funnel with the same facility as he traditionally comes down the chimney, Santa Claus and the children aboard the C.P.S. liner Empress of Japan a visit on Christmas Day when she was about two hours out of Kobe. His red cloak and flowing beard concealed the popular person of Mr. E. Cock, head of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company, who was returning from leave. Mr. Cock is accompanied by his wife.

Palm Court, the liner's dance hall, was the scene of the children's party, which took place at 5 p.m. The big Christmas tree which was its centerpiece still stands, and it was about the foot of this tree that the 32 children on board, from all sections of the ship, were assembled. They sang carols and had a blisful period as star guests of a festival that

DELIA BRINGS MAILS

Young Airman Arrives From Australia

Carrying Australian mails and two passengers, the Imperial Airways plane Della, in the control of Captain C. R. Davis, arrived at 11.10 a.m. yesterday after a non-stop flight from Hanol. One of her passengers was Mr. J. Weston, who is here on leave to visit his father, Captain W. C. Weston, cargo surveyor, of 65 Kimberley Road, whom he had not seen for seven years.

Mr. Weston came from Australia where, as a flying cadet in the Royal Australian Air Force, he won his wings at Point Cook—the Australian Cranwell—this month. He can stay only two weeks in Hongkong, the flight here and back taking a big part of his leave. He must report at Richmond, New South Wales, on January 21.

As a passenger from Australia to Singapore, Mr. Weston shared in an experience testifying to the safety of the Empire flying boats. When the flying boat was about 100 miles south of Batavia, first one starboard engine and then the other cut out.

However, the machine continued its journey untroubled, maintaining altitude on its two port engines and arriving safely at Batavia. Instead of departing from Batavia immediately according to practice, the plane was kept there for the night while the engines were attended to.

It was found that the plugs had been oiled up. Fortunately an Australian engineer, bound for Singapore, had joined the plane at Sourabaya, and under his supervision the engines were soon in good running order. Nevertheless, the flying boat was held at Singapore for further inspection while the passengers went on to Bangkok in another machine.

Mr. Hirasawa, from Bangkok, also arrived by the Della.

TO REPLACE DARDANUS

New Imperial Airways Plane For Eastern Service

A new plane—possibly the Dido—is to be introduced into Imperial Airways' Hongkong-Bangkok service in place of the Dardanus.

The Dardanus, the Dido, and a third machine were brought from England at the time of the Christmas mail rush to cope with the extra mails between Bangkok and Hongkong and between Bangkok and Australia. When the Dardanus was destroyed by fire, the Dardanus replaced her.

Now two of the three planes are to return to England.

Yesterday morning's regular mail flight from Hongkong was taken by the Dardanus, no passengers being carried. The next outward service will leave on Tuesday morning.

Inward mails, from Australia, England, and other Empire countries, are expected to-morrow, when the Delphinus is due at 5 p.m.

COMING IN FEBRUARY

First Far Eastern Flight Of Gigantic Clipper

Manila, Dec. 30.

It is understood that the 42-ton Pan-American Airways 74-passenger Clipper will make her first flight to the Far East some time in February. Spare motors of the 1,500 horsepower type recently arrived at Cavite, where Pan-American employees are assembling a "dolly" with which to pull the flying boat from the water to the hangar.—United Press.

AIR SERVICES

Arrivals and Departures of Planes

Outward

For London, Australia, British Countries and Europe: Imperial Airways 7 a.m. Jan. 3.

For Chungking, Sian, etc.: Eurasia and S.N.A.C. 7 a.m. Jan. 3.

For U.S.A., via Manila, Honolulu, Guam: Pan American Philippine Clipper 8.30 a.m. Jan. 2.

For France via Hanol: Air France, 6.30 a.m. December 31.

Inward

From London, Australia and British Countries: Imperial Airways 2 p.m. Dec. 30; Imperial Airways 5 p.m. Jan. 1; Imperial Airways 5 p.m. Jan. 4.

From Chungking, Yunnanfu, Kweilin: C.N.A.C. Eurasia Services indefinite.

From U.S.A. via Honolulu, Guam, Manila: Pan American Philippine Clipper 12.30 p.m. Jan. 1.

From France, via Hanol: Air France 12.30 p.m. December Jan. 5.

culminated in a distribution of gifts by Santa Claus.

The decoration of Commodore of the Crown of Italy by Mr. Cock in Hongkong. It is to be bestowed by the Italian Government, through its Consul-General, Marquis G. P. di Melito, in recognition of Mr. Cock's services, through the Whampoa Dock Company, in refloating the Conte Verde after the liner ground outside Lyceum Pans in the typhoon of September 2 last year.

The ship was aground for several days, and at one time it was thought she might suffer the fate of the Asama Maru, which was stranded for months. Salvage work was successful, however, and the ship was refloated at the Whampoa Docks, resuming her schedule soon afterwards.

The date when the decoration will be presented has not yet been fixed.

Hail Brings A Shot

Men Accused Of Robbery of a Sampan

An alleged robbery in Chinese waters on December 7 had a sequel at the Kowloon Magistrate's yesterday, when three men appeared before Mr. E. Himsforth on a charge of receiving or possession of a junk, 330 ducks and three poultry crates, which had been stolen outside the Colony.

The men were Tang Kwong-shing, 24, and Ng Hing, 30, fishermen, and Chan Chau, 55, cyclist-bed watchman. They were all committed for trial at the Criminal Sessions.

Acting Sub-Inspector C. Goodwin said complainant, Li Yung, was a farmer and duck breeder residing at Sha Kok Village, Tung Koon, in Chinese territory.

On the morning of December 6, Li left Sha Kok in a sampan for Hongkong accompanied by his nephew, Li Kam-fook. In the sampan were 112 ducks in three crates.

Repelled With Shots

About 7 p.m. on December 7 when between Ma On Chau and Sai Heung he saw a small boat containing three men following him. He called out to enquire what their business was, and they replied by firing a shot at him. Three more shots were fired when the boats got closer. This caused Li and his nephew to get frightened, and as the water was rather shallow at that part of the foreshore, they both jumped in and waded ashore. On looking back they saw the robbers towing the sampan towards Sai Heung.

After visiting Sai Heung the next morning to make enquiries, Li sent his nephew to Yuen Lung while he went to Sha Hau to board the Po On Ferry for Hongkong.

Shortly after the ferry had stopped at Yung Lung Wan to take on cargo, a small sampan was noticed coming alongside with three crates of ducks on board. These were recognised by Li as his property.

A report was made to the assistant comrade, who signalled to the No. 3 Police Launch which was on duty in the vicinity, and the three prisoners were arrested on the arrival of the police.

When charged the next day, first two prisoners said they were fishing in Chinese territory when they saw the sampan and the ducks on board. There were no people on board, so they picked it up to take to Hongkong to sell. Third prisoner said he had been asked to row the boat, and would be paid for it.

After Sergeant L. K. George, officer-in-charge of the No. 3 Police Launch, had given evidence of arrest, the men were committed.

PRETTY WEDDING

Mr. A. T. Dow Marries

Miss E. M. Noble

A picturesque wedding took place at St. Joseph's Church, Garden Road, yesterday afternoon, when Miss Edith May Noble became the bride of Mr. Alexander Toohy Dow, of Messrs. Gibb, Livingston & Co., Ltd., Hongkong.

THE BRIDE, who arrived by the Menelaus on Wednesday, is the elder daughter of Mrs. A. Noble, of Edinburgh. Arriving on the arm of Mr. H. V. Wilkinson, D.S.O., by whom she was given away in marriage, she looked radiant in a picture dress of stiff white lace, trimmed with royal-blue tulle. Her tulle veil was held in place by a dainty Juliet cap, and she carried a bouquet of white gladioli and African daisies.

Miss Elsie Lammer was the bridesmaid, and wore a pretty frock of pale blue-net trimmed with bands of blue lace. With this she wore a royal-blue satin-crepe jacket, and a cap of mixed flowers, and carried a posy of violets and forget-me-nots.

The flowergirl was Joan Ball, who wore pale pink trimmed with dark blue satin-crepe, and carried a basket of pink flowers.

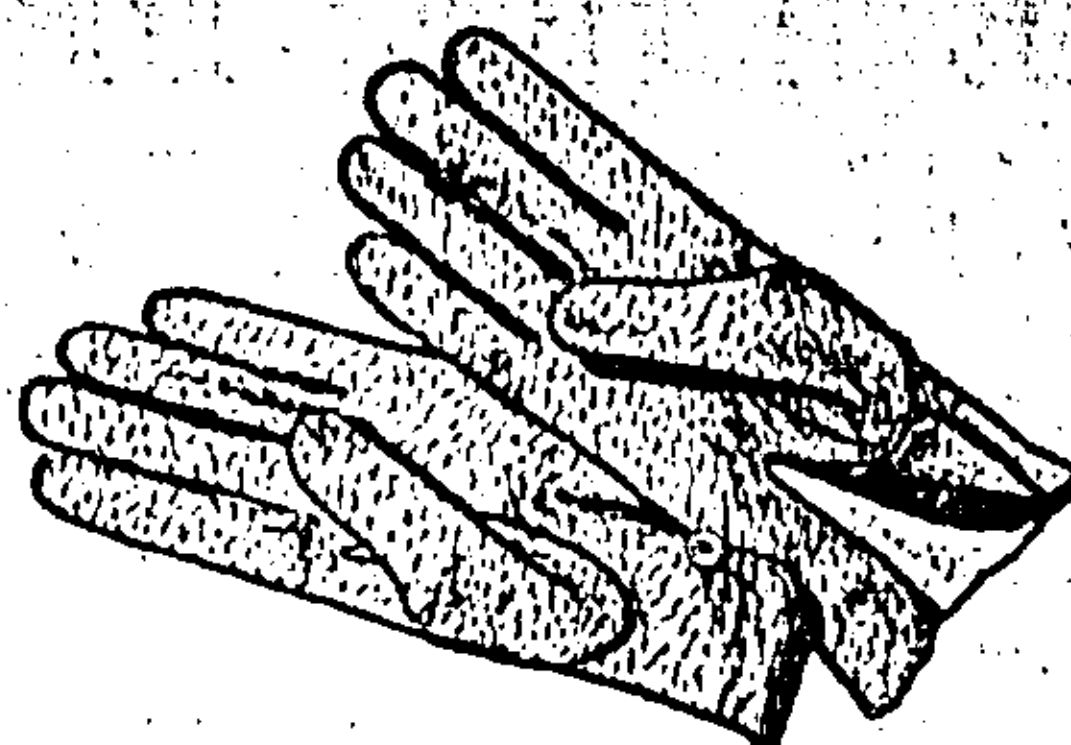
The Rev. Fr. R. Brookes officiated at the ceremony, and the Very Rev. Fr. A. Rignall rendered appropriate music on the organ. Mr. H. D. Bidwell understood the duties of best man.

Later a reception was held at "Crug Rhye," the Penk residence of Mr. and Mrs. H. V. Wilkinson.

When Mrs. Dow left for the honeymoon, which is being spent at Repulse Bay, and later a round trip to Japan, she wore a smartly tailored edge-to-edge coat in light blue, over a navy dress, with hat and accessories to match.

REGISTRY WEDDINGS

The last Registry wedding of the year took place at 3 p.m. yesterday before Mr. T. J. Gould, Deputy Registrar of Marriages, when Miss Luk Yin-kin, of 261 Wanchai Street, Hongkong, became the bride of Mr. Lam Wing-sui, clerk of the Sanitary Department. The witnesses were Messrs. Lam Ming-fan, manager of the Kowloon Motor Bus Co., Ltd., and Luk To-kay, brother of the bride.



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Commons Keepers' Cottages Are Lit By Oil Lamps

ADMIRAL SIR BARRY DOMVILE and others recently formed a deputation to meet the Wimbledon and Putney Commons Conservators to discuss the amenities of the commons.

One of the matters of which Sir Barry complains is the conditions in which some of the keepers live, which he has described as "almost primeval."

The keepers say they have no complaints at all, although, as one of them said, "There is always room for improvement everywhere. We are really very comfortable, though."

Nine keepers live on the commons. Three of them are in the old windmill and others in cottages scattered about.

Though less than five miles from Hyde Park Corner, there is no gas and no electric light in three of the cottages, and the sanitary arrangements are of the most primitive.

heat water and carry it to a portable bath.

With all these drawbacks, there are compensations.

It is rather wonderful to live in the heart of London and to have a colony of wild rabbits living in a bank honeycombed with their burrows at the foot of one's garden and to come out on a moonlight night and see them playing in their dozens near to one's back door.

Or to wake on a winter's morning and see the whole world as far as the eye can see a mass of untrodden white snow—as isolated as a Yorkshire moor.

TREES UPROOTED

The Conservators have also been criticised for planting a formal avenue of birch trees alongside a horse-ride near the Windmill. This is an open, natural birch spot and the planting of the trees has been described as completely inappropriate and quite out of keeping with the wild amenities of the common here.

The birches were planted two or three weeks ago, and keepers found that a number of them had been pulled up and removed. Some of the lovers of the common declare that the Conservators ought to remove all the trees at once.

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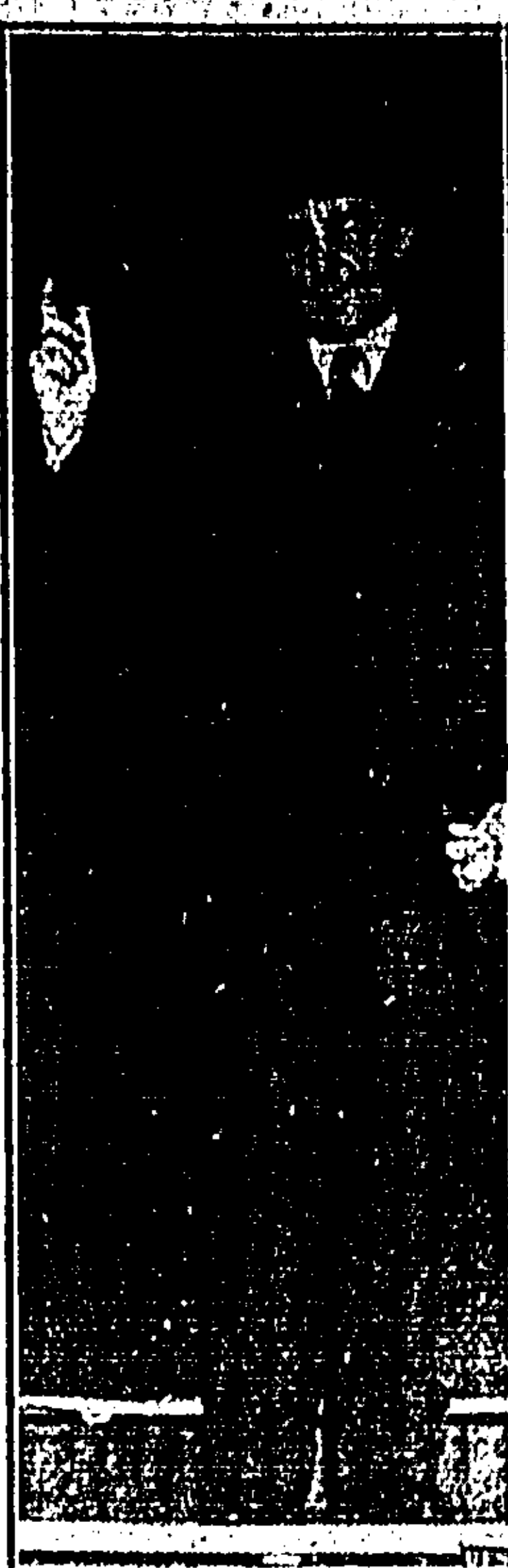
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German Ambassador Hans H. Dietrich, recalled by his government, leaves the State Department building in Washington after making a farewell call on Secretary of State Cordell Hull. The call was exceptionally brief, the two remaining together hardly more than two minutes.

Royal Chat With Wife Of Workless Miner

A quilt, made and designed by Mrs. Hitchcock, wife of an unemployed Durham miner, was praised by the Queen recently.

Of the 2,000 exhibits in the Handicraft Exhibition held by the National Federation of Women's Institutes at the New Horticultural Hall, the Queen was most impressed by this exquisite rose-coloured silk bed-spread, beautifully quilted.

She stopped to chat to Mrs. Hitchcock who told her that things were "not too good" in Durham now.

"Is your husband working now?" the Queen asked, and when told "No" said, "I'm so sorry, I do hope things will improve for you."

Mrs. Hitchcock's husband has been unemployed for six years, so the Federation have paid her fare to London to attend the Exhibition.

2½ YARDS LONG

"I am lucky in having a big room I can give to my work," said Mrs. Hitchcock. "It has to be set up in a frame the size of the greatest length of the work (the quilt is more than 2½ yards long) and there it has to stay till its finished."

Quilting is now more than just a hobby with Mrs. Hitchcock. She has qualified as a teacher of quilting and sometimes has taken classes for the Durham County Council.

Now she means to enjoy her holiday in London. When not on her stall at the exhibition she plans to visit the shops—everything from the toy bazaars and Father Christmas interests her—"And then I expect I'll be quite tired enough," she said, "and ready to go to bed in the evening."

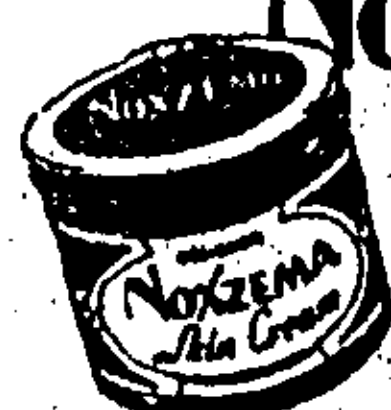
Another country woman who is specially proud of her work is Mrs. Williams, of Bodwenna, Newborough, Anglesey. She cannot be at the exhibition, so a fellow member sent her a telegram to tell her that the Queen had bought her basket of Marran grass, made from the sedge grass that grows near her cottage.

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Destination Of Rugby Cup Will Be Decided This Afternoon In Tournament Match Club And Navy Clashing

(By "Fly-Hall")

At the Club ground at Happy Valley at 4 p.m. to-day, Club and Navy meet to decide the destination of the Triangular Rugby Tournament Cup. There is incentive enough to bring out the best in both teams. Navy, having beaten Club once already this year, must win or draw this afternoon to retain the trophy, while the Club must win to recover it.

The result of the previous game was a win for the Navy by the narrow margin of one point (14-13), although if one looks at the score from a try-bearing point of view, Navy held a greater advantage than the score, as represented by points. They crossed the Club line four times against the Club's reply of twice. Since the game of December 10, both teams have recorded good wins against the Army.

The teams picked for to-day's game show few changes from those which met in the last encounter. Pay Lt. Stevens, having fully recovered from his leg injury, is preferred to Hunt for the full-back position. The return of Stevens will make the Club chances of try-scoring less as he is a sure tackle and his positioning uncanny. The Navy three are unchanged, as are also the halves.

BACKS WELL-MATCHED

Club are to play their regular back division. Individually, the backs are well-matched in attack but in defence the Navy men are more dependable.

Navy have included Hain and Griffiths in the pack to the exclusion of Northey and Pomphrey. The eight men to play have plenty of dash for the loose and generally it is in this department that a game is won. For the line-outs, Navy have capable men in Anderson, Ogilvie and Roman.

Dunnet comes into the Club pack to partner Peers in the second row. Both are hard-working forwards and should provide a well-balanced intermediate row. Club have the material for good line-out men but up to date their backs have seen very little of the ball from this source.

The result is hard to forecast. Navy generally establish an early superiority and advantage, because Club are slow in getting down. The Navy XV are better in combination and team-play, which has been exemplified lately in the clever cross-kicks from the wing men, which without fail land the ball in the hands of some forward or three backing up the centre of the field. Provided the Talbot-Elliott combination is not allowed to assert itself, the civilians have a good chance of winning.

Club "A" meet the Royal Engineers on the same ground at 2.45 p.m. Club should win what promises to be a hard game.

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TUSSLE FOR THE BALL



An incident in the Triangular Hockey Tournament match between the Army and Navy, played at Sookunpoo yesterday afternoon. The soldiers, who won their first game against the Navy comfortably, were held to a draw of 4-4.—Photo by A.A. Kahn.

Here And There With "Abe"

Local Tennis Players Feeling Better Now

WHILE it is not suggested for a moment that the form shown by Leonardo Gavira and Amado Sanchez, the two top-ranking tennis players of the Philippine Islands, at the Kowloon C.C. on Thursday was anything like their true standard, at least the exhibition revealed one thing: it was that the level of play in Hongkong does not fall very far, if at all, below the general standard of the Islands. Granted that the visitors were not accustomed to playing on grass-courts, still they did not impress even when the ball was kept in the air and they did not shine to any appreciable extent in their volleying and smashing. As a matter of fact, Sanchez was extremely weak overhead, repeatedly smashing either out of court or into the net. So, assuming they generally play much better than they did, I don't think I would class them as a combination above the Tsui brothers, who beat them 6-3 in the only set which they played. Only Gavira played singles, which was a pity; for I am sure many would have liked to see how Sanchez would figure in this phase of the game. Not even their closest friends would claim for George Choa and Sze-to Bick that they are one of the best pairs in the Colony; yet they took a set from Gavira and Sanchez. But for the fact that Choa dropped his service in the ninth game, the first set might have been considerably closer.

Weak Forehand

THROUGHOUT the exhibition, it was fairly obvious that the ball did not rise sufficiently for both Gavira and Sanchez to use their forehand drives effectively. Being hard-court players, they are used to hitting the ball when it is fairly high; but on grass they had to use a bit of "lift" whenever they played their forehand, and so were always prone to over-drive. As I stated yesterday, it would be unfair to judge them on the form they showed in the exhibition. When they get to Saigon, they will find conditions

more like those in the Philippines and then they will be better able to do justice to their undoubted talents. However, they will meet with very stiff competition, for it is reported that Yvon Petra, of France, and Klio Sin-kle, the Chinese champion, are also taking part in the tournament.

Team Of Three

FROM the Hongkong point of view, it is unfortunate that the Tsui brothers cannot make the trip. Were they able to do so, the kudos of Colony tennis might receive a boost; the Tsuis have improved considerably during the past 12 months and can be relied upon to hold their own in all but the best company. On top of the refusal of the leading players to participate in the tournament, three of those selected have withdrawn from the team, thus necessitating the selection of others to take their places. Only two of the three vacancies have been filled, so the Colony team will consist of three, namely Sze-to Bick, George Choa and A. E. P. Guest.

Football Tour

LEAVING on the same steamer for Saigon as the tennis players, are the South China footballers, who are visiting Saigon at the invitation of the soccer officials there. Under the guidance of Mr. Mok Hing, 17 players and a secretary, Mr. Chow Yuen-ning, will be making the trip. The players are Y. Z. Chang, Choo Siu-hang, Lee Tin-sang, Mak Shu-hon, Leo Kwok-wai, Lau Hing-chol, Lau Tin-sang, Tse Kam-hung, Lim Tak-po, Law Tau-man, Lai Shiu-wing, Chan Tak-fai, Fung King-cheung, Yeung Shui-yick, Lau Chung-sang, Kwok Ying-lee and Tang Kwong-sum. They will play seven games in two weeks—five in Saigon and two in Phnom-peng—and will be back in the Colony on January 21. The South China "B" have a Shield match on the day of their departure (New Year's Day), and will embark im-

DON BUDGE SINGS THE PRAISES OF BARON VON CRAMM

Californian Says German Ace Was Thoroughbred

By Lawton Carver

New York.

In a magazine piece which explains why he turned professional, J. Donald Budge seems to reveal himself as a thoughtful, appreciative and level-headed exception to the greed and thanklessness practised by most of our athletic idols.

He states almost bluntly that he is throwing in with the professionals because his family could use a little spare scratch, otherwise money, and he goes out of his way to say that his parting respects to officials of the United States Lawn Tennis Association and to admit that they have made him what he is to-day.

But what was most interesting about the red-headed young man's farewell to Newport and Wimbledon was the friendship and admiration he expressed for Baron Gottfried von Cramm. Under the circumstances, he might have stuck to the title of his piece, "Why I'm Turning Professional," and passed up any comment on the great young German star who only recently was released from a concentration camp after a hitch on a morals charge.

CRAMM AS INSPIRATION
But, instead, Budge has this to say:—
"Of all the players I have met, there was none I enjoyed playing more than Baron Von Cramm, of Germany, one of my strongest friends. I think my tennis would have been better this past year if he were still playing."
"My feeling after the Davis Cup matches at Germantown this year was that the competition couldn't have been so awfully strong if I was not feeling any too well. Von Cramm was an inspiration and an

incentive to play your very best. You had to, to win against him. "Von Cramm" was a great sportsman as he was a player. We might play a terrific match, but to the evening we went out to a movie and never thought about tennis. I have seldom had more fun than I did in spending an evening with him and Gene Mako and Hinkel. On or off the court, Gottfried was a thoroughbred.

GREAT MATCH WITH GERMAN
"The match with Von Cramm in the Davis Cup interzone round of 1937 is the one that I'll remember longest. Some have said it was the greatest Davis Cup match ever played. I will leave that to the tennis historians."
"I'll interrupt Mr. Budge here to say that the tennis historians already are agreeing that it was the greatest match ever played. The situation was this: Fred Perry had turned professional and thus England was expected to succumb without too much fight in the challenge round against the United States or Germany, and relinquish the cup.

In the inter-zone final for the right to meet England, the United States and Germany had won two matches each when Budge and Von Cramm met, and the latter promptly moved out a 4-1 lead in the fifth set after they had split the first four. Budge went on from there to his dramatic victory.
Getting back to Von Cramm after that match, Budge says:—
"Von Cramm was such a wonderful sport at the time this was the climax of my thrill of winning. When I saw that smile on his face, after he had lost the biggest match of his life, and knew how bitter his disappointment must be, I thought as I ran to the net, 'Gottfried, you certainly have got more out of the game than any player who has won everything.'"
FRIENDLY SPIRIT
"I want to add a last word to show the spirit in which our matches were played. Before we started he said, 'Don, if you get a bad call, call it that way next point or shall we play them as they are called?'
"My answer was: 'We will know between us if there is a bad call, and let's not hurt the feeling of the linesmen by throwing points.'
"Early in the match I got a bad call. Gottfried looked across at me and smiled. It was such a friendly smile that you didn't mind being robbed. You'd take a bad call to see that smile.
"Last year, as a favour to me, Von Cramm went out to California to play in the Pacific Southwest Tennis Coast championships. In return, I promised that I would play in Germany this last summer. But when I learnt that he had been taken into custody I refused to play in Germany. I know of no one who has been a finer sportsman in sport for his country than was Gottfried. Now that he has been paroled in Germany I sincerely hope that his great play and sportsmanship have not been lost to the game."

Hockey

ARMY AND NAVY PLAY TO A DRAW

Equally matched in almost every respect this time, the Army and Navy played to a draw of 4-4 in the Triangular Hockey Tournament at Sookunpoo yesterday. The first encounter between the teams ended in an easy victory for the Army.

The Navy started well in their match yesterday, and after a series of attacks took the lead. The score at half-time was 2-1 in favour of the sailors. The general standard of play in this half was high.

Exchanges continued to be exciting in the second period, when the Army scored two goals in this half and the soldiers three, the game thus ending in a draw.

Lieut. Pritham Nath, of the Rajputana Rifles, celebrated his return to the Colony from leave by scoring three goals for the Army.

Immediately after their encounter with Eastern.

Shield Soccer

FOUR Senior Shield soccer matches will be played during the holidays. This afternoon, Kowloon clash with South China "A" at Kowloon; to-morrow, South China "B" will play Eastern; and on Monday, St. Joseph's meet the Navy at Causeway Bay and Club play Police on the Club ground. As a result of their recent victories, South China "A" are now on the crest of the wave, and barring any untoward occurrence, I expect to see them in the semi-final round. The match between South China "B" and Eastern should be a much closer affair. While the League champions are no longer the power they were last season, there is still enough fight in them to make the outcome of their match with Eastern problematical. The best game on Monday will undoubtedly be that between St. Joseph's and the Navy. I am told that the Saints are fielding a very strong eleven, comprising the majority of the Portuguese team in the international game against Ireland, and strengthened by the inclusion of Hussain. David Leonard and Lewis Woo. A. V. Gosano, C. F. Remedios and N. Beltrao are all turning out



The S.R. (D) team, which represented Hongkong in recent Far East Trophy match. Members of the team are Mac, Heather, T. J. Boulton, Capt. Sequeira, Sgt. Carey, Inspt. A.L. Hopkins, Sgt. Perkins, P.O. Swan, Sgt. Heap, Sgt. Hale and Sgt. Cooper.—Staff Photographer.

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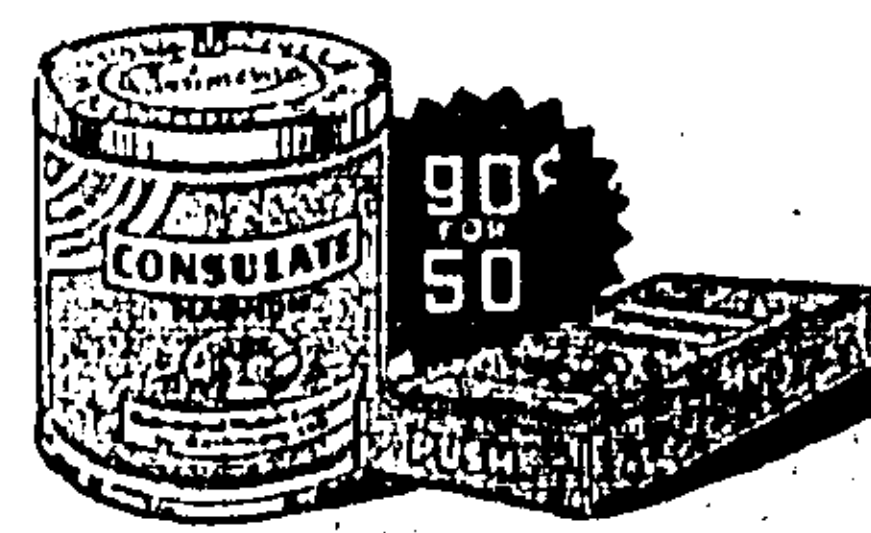
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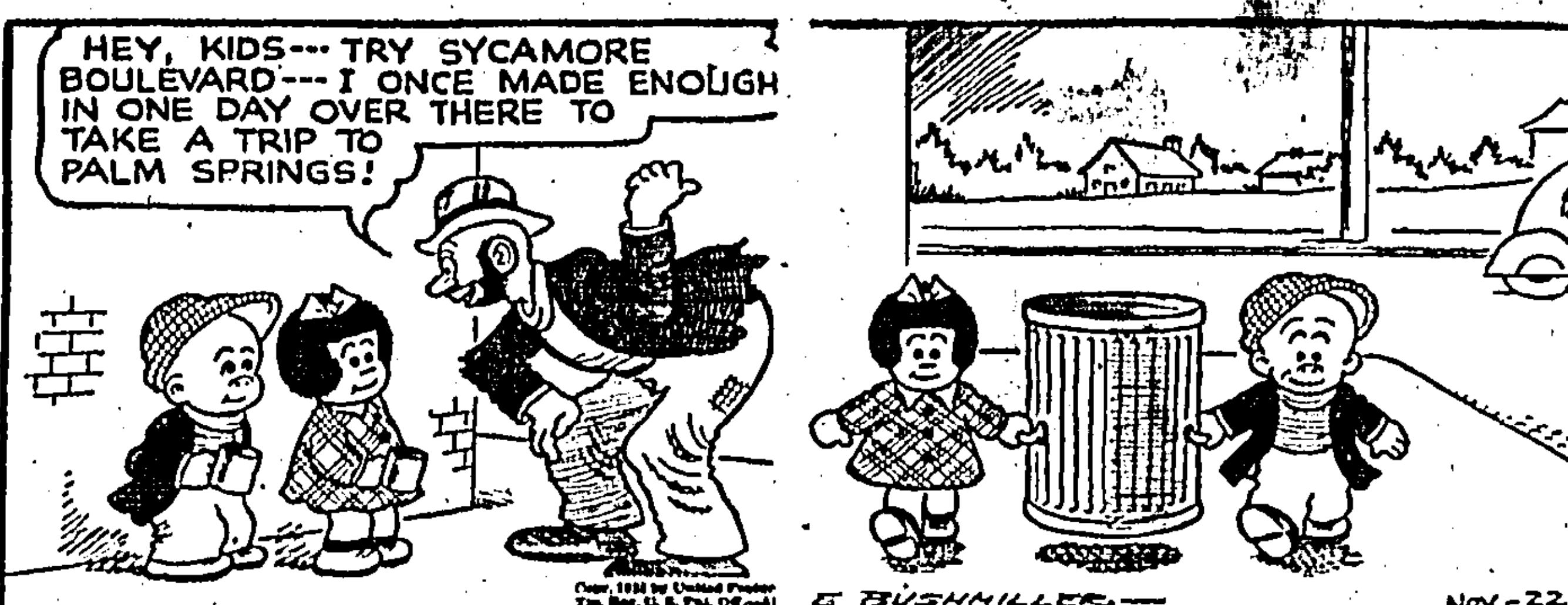
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NANCY

By Ernie Bushmiller



How Len Harvey Regained His "Heavy" Title

Low Punch Cost Phillips His Recent Fight

London, Dec. 1.

Len Harvey regained the heavyweight championship of Great Britain last night at Harringay Arena by defeating Eddie Phillips, who was disqualified in the fourth round, the referee, Mr. Jack Smith, declaring "a low punch." There were boos and cheers from all over the building, but there was nothing wrong with the referee's verdict. Harvey fought a brainy battle from the start.

He definitely outpointed Phillips for the first three rounds, and in the fourth fought as he has never done before.

Harvey had the killer spirit in him, and it was obvious that he would win sooner or later with a knockout.

Had Phillips not been disqualified, it is my opinion that Harvey would have won with a decisive punch inside half a dozen rounds, writes James Butler. He is to be congratulated on a magnificent display.

It was a remarkable performance for a man nearing his 32nd birthday to regain the heavyweight championship. Harvey is now the dual holder of both the heavy and cruiserweight titles.

PHILLIPS UNCERTAIN
Phillips was not at all comfortable during the first three rounds. He seemed uncertain of himself, and his threatened knockout punch was missing.

Harvey, on the other hand, was decidedly brilliant. It was masterful boxing on his part, blended with punching that, as I have said, he has never before revealed in any contest in this country.

On his form last night I should like to see Harvey matched with Tommy Farr. That would be a fight that would pack the biggest arena in this country, and I do not think that Farr would have matters all his own way.

Harvey was in magnificent condition. He was pale but cool, calm and collected, and just dictated the way he wanted the fight to go.

Phillips appeared to realise that he was up against it. He was cau-

tioned once for holding, and hitting, and then the referee brought about his dramatic disqualification were undoubtedly low.

I do not say that these were deliberate but in the heat of the moment and with the intense attack engineered by Harvey he did not know what he was doing.

Harvey, I am sure, will now be ready to meet Max Baer or any other opponent that can be found to oppose him. He is on top of the world.

SNAPPY PUNCHES
Harvey was first to land. He landed with a left hook to the chin, and followed with a left and right, Phillips being content to cover up and defend himself.

Harvey was very spritely, and evidently intent upon winning quickly if possible, but Phillips was taking matters steadily, waiting to land with a heavy cross-counter.

Harvey was doing all the attacking at this stage. He kept leading and landing with snappy punches, shooting out his right dangerously. Phillips landed scarcely a decent punch.

Phillips seemed in apprehensive mood, but he was probably waiting his time, but his face was already flushed as a result of Harvey's stinging punches.

Harvey did all the attacking from start to finish, and won the first round by a big margin of points.

An unusual incident occurred in the opening round, when Harvey's left glove was split near the thumb. The referee ordered his seconds to get another glove to replace the damaged one.

SMASHING LEFT HOOK
Harvey began the second round with a smashing left hook to the jaw.



The S.R. (a) team, which represent the Colony in the recent Far East Trophy match. Members of the team are P. O. Richards, Cpl. Cole, Mnc. Croft, Cpl. Nunn, Mr. Gillman, Pte. Sim, Pte. Hammond, Cpl. Mahar Singh and P. C. Charan Singh.—Staff Photographer.

SPLENDID CENTURY BY LAY

A century by F. J. Lay featured the cricket match between the Combined Schools and the University.

Combined Schools
F. J. Lay, c. G. Matthews 109
F. W. G. Fryde, b. Teoh 81
T. M. Sutter, c. Teoh b. Matthews 4
G. Gosano, c. Singh b. Teoh 4
G. Stone, b. Ng 2
G. Kew, not out 2
D. Hutchinson, not out 2
Extras 20
Total (for 5 wickets, decided) 223

University
N. Smith, J. Fisher, T. L. Lockhart and W. Mulachy did not bat.

Bowling Analysis
K. L. Ng 14 3 64 0
R. Singh, c. Lay b. Fryde 3 1 63 2
C. H. Teoh 18 1 63 0
G. Hong Choy 3 0 19 0
W. S. Gegg 2 0 11 1
J. Lunn 2 0 16 0
C. N. Matthews 6 0 26 2

Total (for 7 wickets)
Bowling Analysis
Smith 14 3 64 0
Hutchinson 8 1 17 0
Gosano 15 4 33 2
Stone 4 0 8 1
Fryde 13 3 50 4
Kew 1 0 8 0

Phillips came up, and for the first time showed real ferocity. Phillips was cautioned for holding, and the crowd boomed, but whether against Phillips or the referee it was difficult to say.

It was heavy fighting, full of thrills, as each was trying his utmost to score with a knockout punch.

Phillips was now joining in a great toe-to-toe slam. It was punch for punch, with Phillips using his right to great advantage. But Harvey was showing his old ringcraft, and tied Phillips up at close quarters. At the same time, he landed with heavy rights and lefts that undoubtedly shook Phillips to the heels.

DOWN FOR NINE
Once again Harvey showed the initiative in the fourth round. He flashed home half-a-dozen punches, and then, with a smashing left hook sent Phillips to the canvas, where he remained for nine seconds.

As soon as he got up Harvey set about him with ruthless fury, punching away with terrific blows that were a revelation. I have never seen him in such a ferocious mood. He literally punched Phillips half-stiff.

Phillips tried hard to fight back. He made a wonderful recovery, and had the crowd thrilled with excitement.

Phillips then caught Harvey a low punch with the left hand in the groin. The referee immediately disqualified him and declared Harvey the winner.

The promoter Sydney Hulls plans to leave for New York on December 17 to sign up Max Baer or, failing him, John Henry Lewis for a fight against Harvey in this country next spring.

LOCAL GOLF RESULTS

T. Low (13) reported as having tied with Col. King and Major McMillan at all square in the Old Course Bogey (Par) Pool of the Christmas Meeting, was actually one up, and won first prize.

KOWLOON GOLF CLUB

Simpson Defeats Eastman In Championship Final

In the final of the Kowloon Golf Club championship played on Christmas Day, W. C. Simpson beat A. L. Eastman 7 and 6. Eastman started very steadily, winning the first two holes in 3's, but Simpson managed to reduce the deficit and was one up at the time; a well earned 34 in the second nine against a very strong cross wind gave him a lead of five holes at the 18th.

Simpson continued to play steadily in the afternoon, while Eastman, whose putting as a rule is very good, lost his touch on the greens and failed to reduce his opponent's lead. The game ended at the 30th hole. Simpson's score of 150 was a very creditable performance, and he is to be congratulated on winning his first championship.

STABLEFORD COMPETITION
T. A. Paton, with 34½ points, won the Stableford Competition of the Kowloon Golf Club, which was played during Christmas holidays. W. A. Ahern was runner-up with 33 points. There were 15 entries. G. Butterfield, playing the 6th hole—a distance of 150 yards—holed out in one.

BANTAMWEIGHT TITLE

Manila, Dec. 30.
The ten-round contest for what the promoters called the bantamweight championship of the Orient, between Star Frisco and Speedy Cabanella, resulted in a draw. The crowd boomed the decision, believing Cabanella should have won. —United Press.



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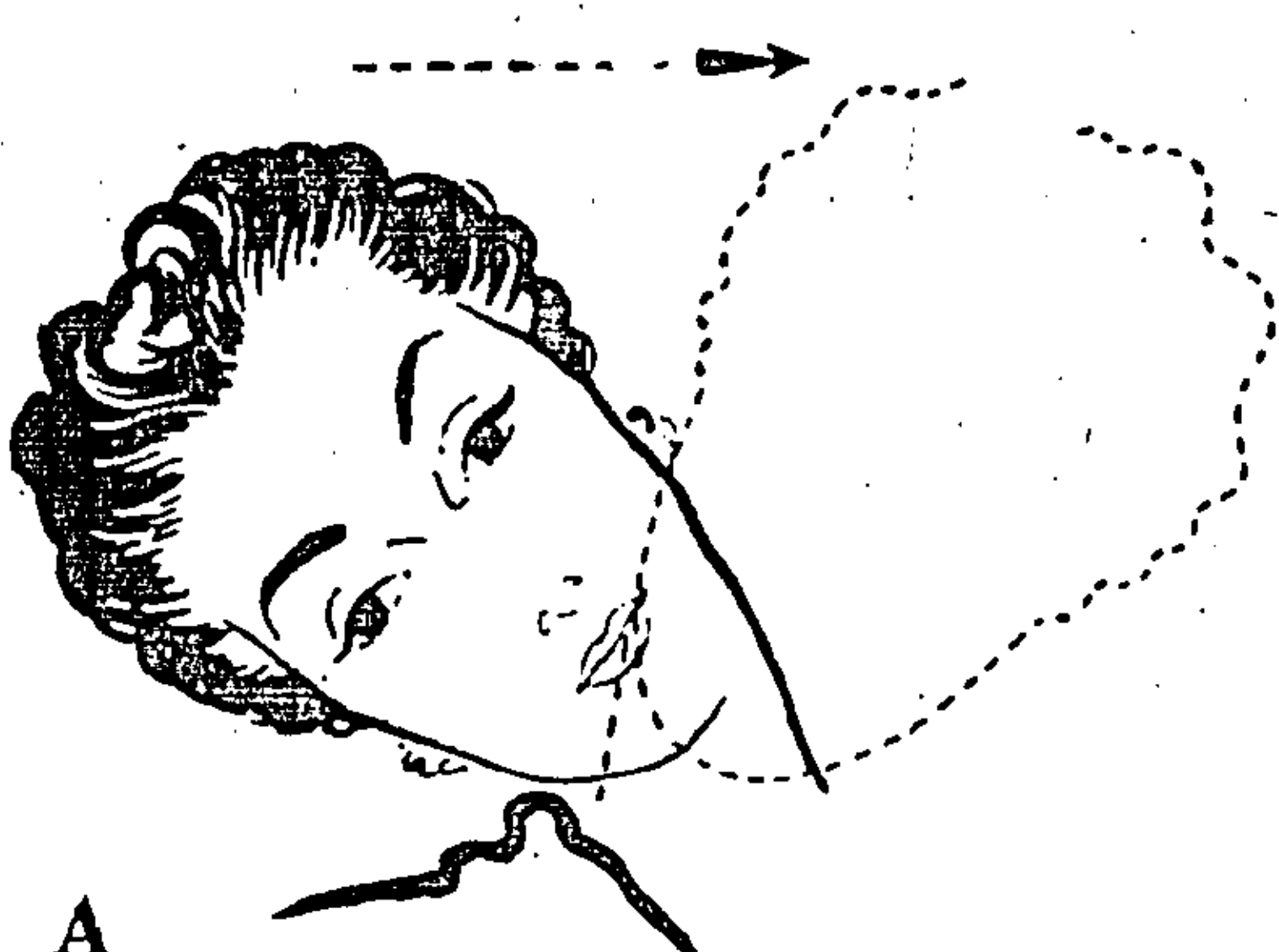
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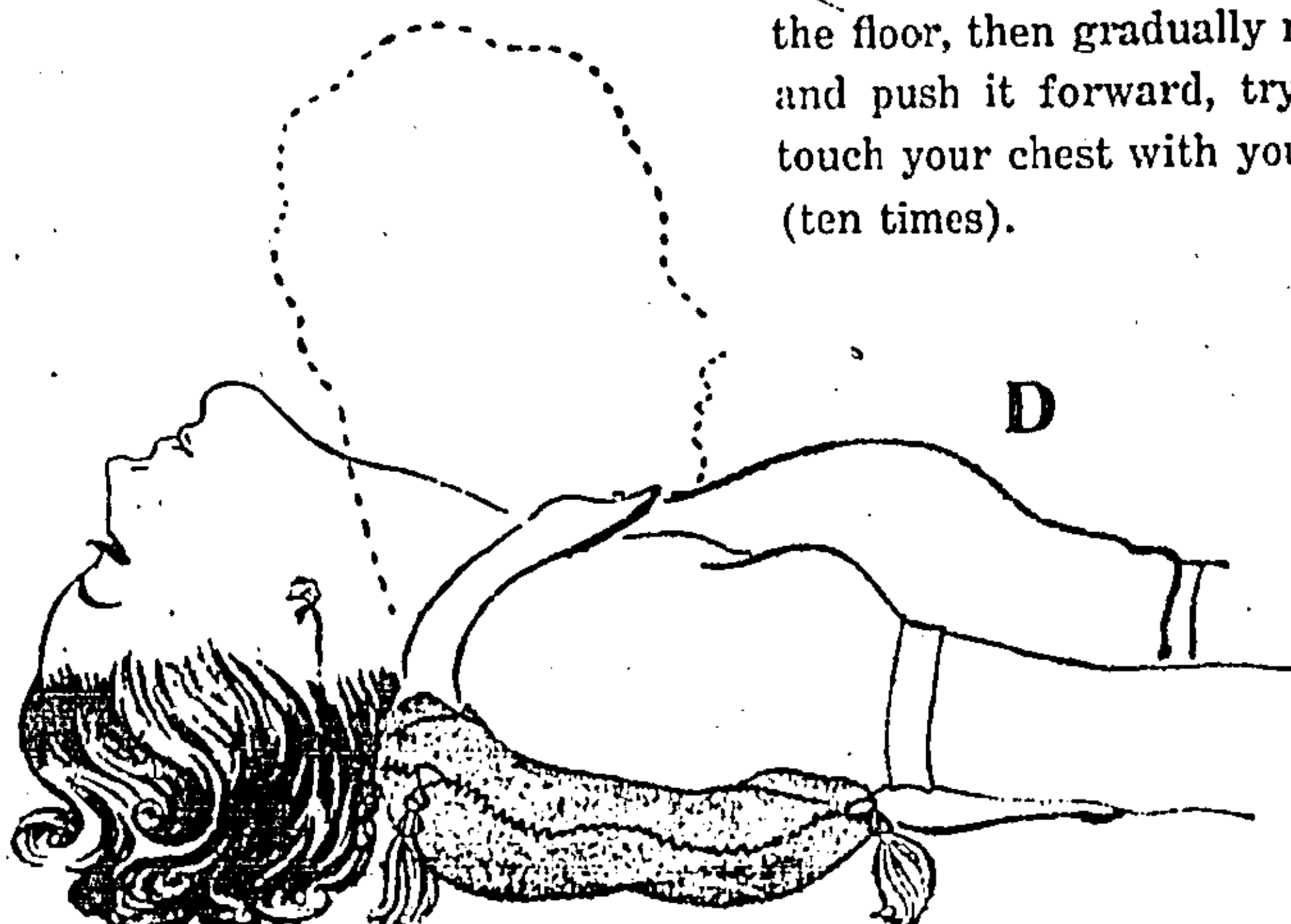
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D Lie on the floor with a cushion under your shoulder blades. Let your head drop to the floor, then gradually raise it and push it forward, trying to touch your chest with your chin (ten times).



C Roll your head from right to left and left to right in the widest circle it will make (ten times).

Cleaning Feather Trimmings

FEATHERS have staged a comeback, and are now one of the high lights of fashion on hats, as head-dresses and wraps. Feathers are everywhere.

Cock feathers which appear on hats may look grimy after a few outings in bad weather. They can be washed in warm water, using mild soap flakes. Dab them up and down carefully, then rinse in clear warm water, and finally cold water, dry them as much as possible in a towel, shake several times, and hang in the wind. They will look beautifully fresh after this.

Feather trimmings can be shampooed too quite successfully. Dip the feathers in a mild lather, and gently squeeze them with the hand. No rubbing, please! This would be fatal to their delicacy. Continue doing this, using only light pressure, until the feathers look clean. Rinse in clear water of the same temperature, shake thoroughly, and dry in front of the fire.

The ends of the feathers can be curled by using an ordinary table knife and pulling each feather gently between the thumb and the back of the knife, but be sure that the feathers are perfectly dry first.

Ostrich feathers which require cleaning may be treated in this way. Make a bag large enough to hold the feathers, and into this put a quantity of bran. When the feathers are in the bag gently shake it before and after for ten or fifteen minutes. Then take the feathers out.

The process may have to be repeated before the feathers are thoroughly clean. If the feathers are dyed, add a little salt to the bran. This will help to brighten the colours.

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Madge Whitley

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Breakfast Dishes

THESE breakfast dishes are economical as well as tasty, and have the advantage that they may be partly cooked the previous day and so save valuable time in the morning.

Savoury Apples

Cooking apples are cheap at present and are very good for the health. Take the required number of apples and core them, leaving in a piece at the end. Scoop out some more apple, chop it and mix with some seasoned sausage meat. Stuff the apples with this piling it high, sprinkle with breadcrumbs, add a pat of butter and bake in a moderate oven for twenty minutes to half an hour.

Bacon and Fish Rolls

Fillet of any kind of fish are suitable for this dish, but whiting or haddock are best. Place each fillet on a rasher of bacon (Wiltshire for preference), sprinkle with lemon juice or vinegar, season and roll up neatly. Put the rolls in a well-buttered dish, cover with greaseproof paper or lid and bake in a moderate oven for half an hour.

Bacon and Sausage Rolls

There are particularly tasty and will prove a favourite with the family. Skin some sausages and make the rolls as above, substituting sausage for the fish. Butter the dish, very lightly, as the sausages provide plenty of fat, and cook in a moderate oven for twenty to thirty minutes. The addition of mushrooms or tomatoes or sliced apples is a great improvement.

Baked Herring

With herring featuring so much in the news we are all well aware of its value in providing food for body, brain and nerves. Try cooking herring this way, and the family will be sure to want them again:—Fillet the herring and sprinkle each with lemon juice and season. Place them flat or rolled in a well-buttered dish, cover and bake in a moderate oven for about twenty-five minutes.

J. C.

Lynx Jacket



The blonde fur coat has greater acceptance than ever, particularly in the brief, waist-length type. Note how this bulky natural lynx jacket is coupled with the full-gathered woollen dirndl frock.

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LATE NEWS

Government House Scheme Wound Up

The official winding-up of the Government House and City Development Scheme, which was planned in 1934 and financed by a special fund established under an Ordinance, is disclosed in today's "Gazette," which published the draft of a Bill for the repeal of the 1934 Ordinance. Abandonment of the scheme was indicated in a seasonal paper in 1938, together with the Governor's memorandum on the subject. It is now proposed to finance the projected new Government House and further city development without resorting to a special fund. Provision is made in the original Ordinance for the appropriation to general revenue of any balance to the credit of the special fund "when the said scheme is completed or abandoned."

The fund now totals \$830,704, which will be transferred to general revenue.

Franco Admits Loyalist Attacks

Saragossa, Dec. 30. It is admitted here that the Loyalists counter-attacked strongly in all the southern sectors yesterday, and are reported to be using millitamen drawn from reserves held ready to defend Barajas, but it is claimed that the Insurgents' machine-guns repulsed the attacks.

General Franco's headquarters claim that Insurgent troops, advancing to-day from Granadella, captured the town of Bodera, and established a bridge-head across the river Canas, while troops which broke the Loyalist front before the Balaguer bridge-head, are advancing towards Camarasa, despite a temperature below freezing point.

It is claimed that the Insurgent advance here closed a pocket six miles deep and four miles wide, in which many Loyalists were surprised and captured. It is also claimed that the Insurgents cut the Benavente-Soderburg road and now hold all the power-stations in the Lerida province, and control over half of the Spanish hydro-electric power.

6 JAPANESE PLANES DESTROYED ON GROUND

Wuyuan, Dec. 31. Six Japanese planes were damaged on the ground and 24 Japanese pilots and guards were killed and six others wounded when two Chinese planes raided the Japanese aerodrome at Paotow.

The Japanese were completely taken unawares.—Central News.

H.K. Newspapers Attack Wang

All local Chinese newspapers this morning unanimously and bitterly attack Wang Ching-wei and his message to Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek and members of the Executive and Supervisory Committees of the Kuomintang, in which he proposed peace with the Japanese Government. Revealing that before December 22, when the Japanese Prime Minister Prince Konoye issued his statement on peace terms with the Chinese Government, Wang Ching-wei had already conveyed the Japanese terms to the Central Authorities in Chungking, the Sing Tao Jih Pao charges Wang Ching-wei with acting as a double to Prince Konoye.

Wang Ching-wei left Chungking on December 18, four days before the Japanese Prime Minister released his declaration, the paper points out.

Every time when China suffered a reverse during the fighting, the paper continues, Wang never failed to take advantage to propose peace with the Japanese in response to the enemy political and military pressures.

"It is most ridiculous to find that Wang's message is but a copy of Konoye's statement," declares the newspaper. "However, it is most certain that the vicious Wang-Konoye double play will not slightly influence our determined will to carry on the holy war against the invaders."

Japanese Navy Reveals Work

Tokyo, Dec. 31. Reviewing the operation of Japanese naval forces in China in the past year, a communique issued by the Navy Department of the Imperial Headquarters claims that during the course of the past year a total of 920 Chinese aeroplanes were destroyed by Japanese naval air forces.

Adding to the figure 577 planes claimed to have been destroyed in 1937, the total number of Chinese aircraft demolished by the Japanese naval air forces since the outbreak of hostilities until the end of this year would be 1,503.

The Japanese losses include 63 in 1937 and 50 in 1938, totalling 113, the communique admits.

Mines disposed of by the Japanese fleet forces in the past year include 2,312 in the Yangtze River, (including 336 floating mines) and 417 in Bias Bay and the Pearl River.

The Chinese Navy lost 10 warships, totalling 7,788 tons, of which three were seized by the Japanese. Three gunboats of the Contingent Navy were bombed and sunk in the West River, the communique further claims.

The communique states that Japanese naval forces are still blockading the entire coast of China from the Peking Sea in the north to the South China Sea, a distance of over 1,200 miles, while the air forces have gained complete command of the air.

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